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## ELECTION RESULTS

### Measure H defeated

**EL CERRITO** — The proposed fire benefit assessment district has been defeated at the polls. Though results obtained Wednesday from the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters are only "semi-official," with absents and provisional ballots yet to be counted, voter results from the polls make the final results certain.

As of Wednesday morning the count on **Measure H** was Yes — 3,749 (40.5%), No — 5,491 (59.5%).

Voter reaction against the \$125 proposed annual residential assessment did not, however, carry over to the city's landscape and lighting

assessment. That \$72 assessment will continue. The vote on **Measure G** was Yes — 6,198 (66.5%), No — 3,121 (33.5%).

Property owners will also be paying a \$72 assessment to the West Contra Costa Unified School District. **Measure E** passed by a large margin with Yes votes totaling 194,004 (65 percent), and votes against at 103,964 (35 percent).

The results mean that the district can continue its existing maintenance and recreation assessment district, which raises \$5 million annually for facilities improvements.

### Albany results uncertain

#### Measure R appears to be winning

**ALBANY** — Because all ballots with Jewell Okawachi written in for election to the school board have to be hand counted, final results for all Albany votes cast will likely remain preliminary until the beginning of next week.

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters office did not know the total number of ballots with Okawachi write-ins. As those ballots are counted, results of all city elections may change. Results of all ballots cast without a write-in for Okawachi show the following:

• <b>School Board</b>	Yes — 1,384 (36%)
	No — 2,455 (64%)
• <b>Measure M</b>	Appoint city attorney
	Yes — 1,244 (33%)
	No — 2,523 (67%)
• <b>Measure N</b>	Appoint city treasurer
	Yes — 1,213 (33%)
	No — 2,504 (67%)
• <b>Measure O</b>	City sponsored appointment/removal of commissioners
	Yes — 1,164 (35%)
	No — 2,195 (65%)
• <b>Measure P</b>	Charter amendment allowing officials to serve until election results are certified.
	Yes — 2,453 (73%)
	No — 894 (27%)
• <b>Measure Q</b>	Citizen sponsored appointment/removal of commissioners
	Yes — 1,681 (52%)
	No — 1,571 (48%)
• <b>Measure R</b>	Albany open space, maintenance, creek restoration
	Yes — 2,750 (64%)
	No — 1,562 (36%)

**TREASURER** Kim Denton — 2,506  
Tony Caine — 989

**MEASURE L** Appoint police chief



### EC merchants honored

John and Jaye DeVincenzi of Plaza Auto Service were among 48 local merchants, businesses and professional persons to be honored at a special El Cerrito Rotary luncheon last month. Each had contributed financially or donated time and energy to make this year's community July 4 event a success.

The El Cerrito Rotary took over the event several years ago when the city ran out of money. It has remained a community tradition and has functioned as a fundraiser for several important projects. This year's revenues, "\$8,000-plus," will benefit El Cerrito High School.

Pictured left to right are city manager Gary Pokorny, Jaye DeVincenzi, John DeVincenzi, and Devon Anderson of Sierra School, who presented each participant with a certificate of appreciation.

Honored by the Rotary for their help with the July 4 event were: A&L Unocal 76; Bank of America; Bank of the West; Berkeley Co-

Plaza Auto Service; Charles Weaver; CPA; Chevron; Pamela Horrigan Chiropractic; Crist, Elliott, Machette and Rowe; East Bay Sanitary; the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce; El Cerrito Electric; the Journal; El Cerrito Mill and Lumber Co.; El Cerrito Shell;

Fairmount Podiatry Group; Fatapples; Full Circle Travel Cruise Connection; Harris & Associates; Honda of El Cerrito; House of Carpets; John Hoagland, DPM; Marvin Collins Construction; Marvin Gardens; Mason McDuffie; Mechanics Bank; More Car Co.; Nations; Olivero Plumbing Co.; PG&E; Pastime Ace Hardware; Physical Therapy Innovations; Plaza Auto Service; Plaza Merchants Association; Prospect School; Richmond Sanitary Service; Safeway Stores; Sierra School; Sunset View Cemetery & Mortuary; Supercuts; Target Stores; TCI Cablevision; Toy Symphony; Tradeway Stores; Universal Building Services; and the West County Times.

## City council turns down state grant

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The Chief Operator teen driving program took one on the chin Monday night as the City Council, wary of "Creative financing" on the part of the Police Department, turned down a \$100,000 federal grant for the program.

Refusing what appears on the surface to be a rather Faustian deal, the council chose not to accept a grant, administered by the state Office of Traffic Safety, which apparently would have allowed the city to pocket more than \$32,000 in federal funds. Although the grant

application lists costs at \$100,000, projected expenditures total just over \$67,000, according to a report submitted by Police Chief Larry Murdo, allowing the city to funnel the rest of the money into the General Fund.

"As previously stated, the grant will provide \$100,000...Actual hard

expenditures equate to \$67,326.80.

This will result in \$32,675.20 of monies provided to and contained within the General Fund not expended," the report states.

When asked Tuesday if providing more money for a program than is actually spent is standard procedure, Chris Murphy,

grant program manager for the OTS, said such a move would be illegal.

"You can not make money off the federal government," he said, speculating there must be some misunderstanding.

Chief Operator is highly unusual program run by the Police Department since 1992 in which Sgt. Bill Palmini and Sgt. Art Clemons promote traffic safety as "Elvis And the Lawman" at school assemblies and other youth oriented events. The OTS grant would allow the program to continue for another year, with Palmini and Clemons receiving an overtime rate of \$44.80 per hour for their work, according

to Murdo's report.

The two officers planned to visit 33 Bay Area schools and promote a song-writing contest.

Although the high-profile program has received more than its share of accolades, the council seemed uneasy with both the left-over money and the cost of the project. As written, the grant provides \$54,000 in salary and benefits for the two officers, \$30,000 for a program coordinator, and \$16,000 for travel and expenses.

According to Murdo's staff report, however, the officers salaries and benefits would use only \$21,325

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**Taking a walk for music**

On Oct. 19 close to 200 students from Vista and MacGregor primary schools in Albany gathered at Cougar Field to walk around the world at their third annual walk-a-thon. Pictured above (from left) Annie Pennell, Michell Brass, Amaya Fernandez and Janelle Douglas get into the spirit of the day. Funds raised from the event will be used by the PTA to fund 15 weeks of vocal music instruction at both schools.

## New school agreement signed

By Greg Hugunin

positive working document between the two agencies that I've seen."

The Albany agreement was passed unanimously by the City Council and School Board last week, and states that the two agencies will "mutually cooperate" on mitigations around the site. It provides for agreement on the traffic and parking data used to evaluate the project, an operational analysis of traffic impacts around the school during its second semester of operation, and possible restoration of a portion of Cerrito Creek.

Other measures include installation of fire sprinklers, curb cuts, a bus shelter on Masonic Avenue and installation of two sets of stop signs on Brighton Avenue.

"This is the dawn of a new and better relationship," said Albany City Administrator Daren Fields. "This is, without a doubt, the most

positive working document between Behrens Street at the El Cerrito border.

The two agreements come after months of tension between the agencies and rumors of a lawsuit by the North Albany Neighborhood Association, which, like many other groups, found itself up in arms over the original negative declaration.

"It is a very good start," said Bob Blum, co-facilitator for the association and neighbor of the site. Blum, however, remained cautiously optimistic about the city and school district's ability to work together, saying "an agreement is only an agreement."

"This is not easy stuff," he said.

Albany City Councilmember Bruce Mast, who negotiated the agreement along with Fields, Superintendent Dale Hudson and School Board President Alan Riffer, echoed Blum in calling it "an im-

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## Redevelopment timeline may be extended

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The timeline for creating a "new" El Cerrito Plaza may be extended more than many citizens have anticipated. Though most of the developers who made presentations to the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency last week expect a construction schedule of about nine to 12 months, the problems of multi-ownership which have plagued the center for years aren't going to immediately disappear.

The scenario "if all goes smoothly" may extend by months, or even years, if multi-ownership is not resolved.

In the past, the El Cerrito City Council/Redevelopment Agency has expressed continual frustration at the lack of cooperation between

owners themselves and between some owners and the city in bringing any positive change to the city's central shopping center.

One developer had his own personal insight into multi-ownership issues. A representative of Sares-Regis said his company was called in several years ago to present a development plan that would upgrade and modernize the Plaza.

While he received a "warm reception" from Carter Hawley Hale (the owner of the Emporium), he could not work out a cooperative effort with the other owner (not Bilak). The improvement effort fell through.

Jim Kessler, too, is not new to the history of Plaza development. Kessler and his family have owned the Wherhouse building for 12

years. He is now part of the American Stores/Burnham Pacific development team.

Kessler said he had tried four times over the years to acquire the property himself, "looking for some upside" to his ownership of the Wherhouse property.

"It's an excellent piece of property," he said, adding that the sale price, however, had always been too high to allow for any modernization of the center "other than ... a coat of paint."

At issue in any decision-making has been the Restrictive Easement Agreement in which all major Plaza owners participate. It allows any owner to veto the proposed project of another.

More than one developer at Wednesday night's meeting indi-

cated that the city's use of its eminent domain powers might be the only way to really turn the Plaza around.

Jack Bariteau told agency members that a timely schedule for getting a viable Plaza on its feet depends "on the willingness... of the Redevelopment Agency to use its eminent domain powers on Bilak and Federated" (two of three major owners).

Condemnation of at least a portion of the Plaza may turn out to be necessary even if one of the current principals — the El Cerrito Plaza Company (Dorian Bilak and his family) and John Pentz Co. — is chosen. The Plaza company owns about half the Plaza, excluding Long's, the old Emporium site (and

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## Letters to the Editor

### Retrofit first

**Editor:**  
In 1991 the Albany Board of Education hired a structural engineer to evaluate Albany High School. This evaluation found that the current building, while safe under normal conditions, would be unsafe in the event of a major earthquake. The engineer recommended that Albany High School be retrofitted within five years or so. It is now 1996. We believe there is no excuse for delaying retrofitting at the High School to the year 2002, as is currently planned. We need seismically safe schools now.

Bill Cain, structural engineer  
Owen Jones, teacher  
David McMahon, civil engineer  
Albany

### New board should make priorities

**Editor:**  
The Albany School District is currently proposing the largest construction phase of its history. It should be in response to the \$31.6 million approved by Albany voters in 1993 primarily to retrofit and to upgrade our existing schools to current state seismic safety standards. But it isn't.

With the current School Board, prudence, common sense and honesty has not been part of their planning. The bond funds have been allocated without a comprehensive master plan. Instead the Board has approved a new middle school on the Hill Lumber site. The middle school project has been rushed ahead, absorbing the first available bond funds, leaving no funding for the high school seismic retrofit project. The District has rushed the new middle school project, disregarding life safety issues, at the high school in particular. As a result, it will delay the high school seismic work until 2002. The seismic work at the high school alone is evaluated at \$4 million and may well be more when the completed seismic evaluation will have to be requested by a future School Board.

The rushing of the new middle school project ahead of the seismic work was approved without a master plan for bond related construction. It was approved by the Board even without a fixed budget for the new middle school. A year ago it was estimated at \$8 million. Now it is increased to the "neighborhood" of \$15 million consuming at least half of the bond funds. And it was all done without an understanding of the urgency for seismic safety improvements on existing facilities, the high school in particular.

In a report on the Albany high school, requested by the Albany School District, Dec. 4, 1991 (!), Mr. T.D. Wosser of Degenkalb Structural Engineers states: "The high school building does not approach present seismic standards, which would require significantly different detailing and design for much higher earthquake forces."

Over 300 parents and residents asked in a petition to have all seismic evaluations completed now, and needed retrofitting be done first. The current Board of Education and the District have ignored the petition.

Board Members and the Superintendent Dale Hudson have repeatedly promised to present a final master plan for bond related construction for over a year now. However, none of the promises were kept. Instead they continue to duck the issue in order to pursue their own agenda, the new middle school project. No planning of seismic retrofitting the high school has been produced for the public.

Currently there is neither a licensed designer nor contractor on the Board of Education. Two distinguished and dedicated candidates, Bill Cain and Dave McMahon, both licensed civil engineers, will be able to fill this crucial need during the District's most expensive construction phase of its history. Both have demonstrated a sincere interest in education issues and will bring most needed skills to this Board and School District.

The new Board must face the realities that we live too close to the Hayward fault to ignore it. By neglecting this fact we put at risk the most vulnerable members of our community, our students and our teachers. We all want to maintain a high quality education. A seismically safe environment is a fundamental part of it.

Jacques Berchten  
Albany

### Process based on misinformation

**Editor:**

Mike Daley's complaint about my directness in political debates (Journal, Oct. 17) reminds me of Adolf Hitler's accusation that "... impolite Poles are shooting at our airplanes while they are peacefully bombing Warsaw." Hey, Mike, it's my part of town that is being destroyed by out-of-control development.

Here's what happened at that infamous "Sustainable El Cerrito" meeting to which I was first invited, and from which I was evicted. Norman La Force talks about the mega-theater in glowing terms and then answers questions. Finally someone asks, "What about economics?"

La Force: "We don't know yet." Loubal: "Excuse me, our city manager estimates \$120,000 per year in sales tax, barely enough to pay a cop." La Force: "Loubal is a liar; he goes around claiming this is a done deal that the council knew about last year." Loubal: "Here's a 1994 letter from the developer, copied to Norma Jellison, stating that in the summer of 1994 ..." Pam Challinor interrupts: "I asked Mr. Loubal not to come. He's here just to cause trouble." Loubal tries to continue, but is shouted down (very impolitely).

My gripe is not with Norman and Pam; let them say what suits them. What I cannot fathom are 20 other people, not one of whom had the basic democratic instinct of suggesting I be heard out, and my claims confirmed or disproved. Steve Price was not present. "Sustainable El Cerrito" needs to learn to permit a full back-and-forth discussion of all relevant controversial issues — else it will never be effective.

Otherwise, Mike Daley opposes the mega-theater, but uses inadequate impact estimates. His calculation of 1 million customers / 500,000 cars annually would apply to a 10-screen, 2,000-seat theater. The 3,686-seat project plus housing and retail would double Mike's calculated traffic.

The developer is providing 1,200 to 1,500 parking places less than would be needed for "blockbuster" evenings. How anyone can believe that BART will and can truly commit itself, far into the future, to make available such amounts of parking is beyond my understanding.

The whole mega-theater planning process is clearly based on misinformation and collusion between our council/redevelopment agency, the developer, and certain BART employees and directors, and obvious pressure put on consultants to provide "acceptable" impact numbers. All this just to save our council from properly dealing with our redevelopment's financial disaster.

The plans for the mega-theater at its new location, and the huge mixed-use structure with inadequate parking for residents, have been available at City Hall since June. For an organization calling itself "Sustainable El Cerrito" to endlessly discuss "South Gate Design Standards," and not fight this monstrosity all-out, is an insult to common sense.

These matters need to be thoroughly discussed, at a give-and-take round-table — not at "public hearings," packed with as-many-as-possible recruited city-hall supporters, where opponents are given the mandatory three minutes to ventilate their feelings. The public's questions and concerns must be fully answered, else all this is heading to lawsuits or a grand jury inquiry.

Peter Loubal  
El Cerrito

### Council ready for the circus

**Editor:**

I see we can all sleep easier now in Albany. According to your paper the City Council wants to ban the sale of "junk" guns (whatever that is).

Since Albany has zero gun stores, this seems ludicrous. What's next, declare Albany a nuclear-free zone, no clear-cutting of the ancient redwoods?

Next time Barnum and Bailey come to the Bay Area, I would suggest the members of the "clowncill" apply for positions.

Paul Schure  
Albany

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## Police Reports

### Alleged gang-related robbery suspects caught

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the afternoon of Oct. 31 an Albany resident reported that while her 13-year-old son was walking home from school, on the 800 block of Mason Avenue, a car drove up with 4 to 5 Asian boys, ages 15 and 16, who reportedly demanded money from her son. They hit him then stole the jacket he was wearing. They fled north on Masonic Avenue to Portland Avenue. Officers took the report and a description of the car, a silver 1988 Honda Prelude, and occupants.

The next day Officer Belman observed a car matching the description of the vehicle on the 800 block of Carmel Avenue. He contacted the five teens who were in and around the car and appeared to be preparing for another robbery. Witnesses from the previous day identified the group and they were arrested and sent to Juvenile Hall. The vehicle was impounded.

Upon further investigation officers learned that the boys were from Richmond and El Cerrito and are probably part of a gang. Investigation has shown that they have been involved in one other similar robbery in Albany and two in El Cerrito in the past couple weeks.

On the afternoon of Oct. 27 an Albany boy reported that he was chased by three male juveniles, ages 12 to 14, while he was riding his bike on the 900 block of Madison Street. They stole his bike from him and departed.

On the morning of Oct. 28 officers discovered that vandals had removed approximately 100

feet of Cyclone fence tubing from a business on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue. They then placed the tubing on the railroad tracks near the business. This apparently occurred between Oct. 25 and Oct. 28. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Oct. 28 a resident on the 600 block of Spokane Street reported that between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on that day someone had broken into his silver BMW, which was parked in front of his house. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Oct. 31 Albany officers responded to reports of three juveniles attempting to steal bikes from the bike rack at Albany Middle School. They were able to contact two of the boys who were arrested and released to their parents with a notice to appear.

On the afternoon of Oct. 31 a resident on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his garage and stolen a bike. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of Oct. 31 a resident on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her garage and stolen two bikes from within. There were no witnesses.

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Between 12:30 and 1 p.m. on Oct. 29 thieves broke into a white 1995 Ford pickup which was parked near the intersection of Kains Avenue and Garfield Street.

### Armed suspect demands coins at Unocal 76

By Dawn Frasier

OCT. 20;

an Oakland man at San Pablo and Carlson (12:05 a.m., Oct. 23); an El Cerrito woman in the 1300 block of Liberty Street (12:19 a.m., Oct. 26); a Rodeo man at San Pablo and Potrero (11:55 p.m., Oct. 25); a Berkeley man at San Pablo and Hill (5 a.m., Oct. 26);

an Oakland man at Avila Street and Yosemite Avenue (2:20 a.m., Oct. 26); a Sacramento man at San Pablo (no cross-street given) (4:46 a.m., Oct. 26); an El Cerrito man at San Pablo and Lincoln (1:10 a.m., Oct. 29); a Berkeley man on San Pablo between Cutting and Potrero (no date given); and a Richmond man at Cutting and I-80 (2:40 a.m., Oct. 26). The Richmond man was also charged with possession of methamphetamines.

A Kensington man was arrested for riding a bike under the influence of drugs and alcohol. He was found to be in possession of burglary tools; he was also charged with resisting arrest. The arrest was made at South 56th and Cypress Avenue at about 1:21 a.m. Oct. 28.

A man looking at an amplifier at Stereo Hi asked to see some speakers, then ran out the door with the amplifier to a waiting car. The incident occurred at about 11:30 a.m. Oct. 24.

A Richmond man was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle and attempting to evade officers at Moeser and San Pablo Avenue at about 1:23 a.m. Oct. 30.

Two Richmond male juveniles were arrested for stealing a hubcap from a vehicle parked in a lot in the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 10:15 a.m. Oct. 31.

There were eleven arrests for driving under the influence: a San Pablo man at San Pablo and Knott (4 a.m., Oct. 27); a Richmond woman at San Pablo and Potrero (12:02 a.m.,

were ransacked in the 2400 block of Tulare overnight on Oct. 24. An indash stereo and camera were taken from a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Lexington Avenue during the night.

Someone forced open a car trunk in the El Cerrito Plaza parking between 2 p.m. and 2:20 p.m. Oct. 24 and took a backpack from it.

An indash stereo and miscellaneous items were taken from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Collier overnight Oct. 23; a credit card was taken from a vehicle parked in 2000 block of Carquinez during early morning hours Oct. 25.

A vehicle was vandalized in the El Cerrito Plaza at about 5:07 p.m. Oct. 26. The suspect was known to victim. Someone threw a construction barricade through a vehicle shield on Lincoln between Albany and Norwell overnight Oct. 25.

Mail was taken from a mailbox in the 700 block of Richmond Street during the daytime Oct. 8. Mail taken from in front of a home in 6600 block of Gatto Avenue during early morning hours Oct. 25.

Two thefts were reported from residential porches. Clothing and miscellaneous property was taken from the 2500 block of Tamalpais between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. Oct. 24. Recycling materials were taken from the 5300 block of Poinsett Avenue during the daytime Oct. 25.

Shoplifting arrests were made at Safeway (a Richmond man), at a Richmond male juvenile, at a San Pablo man, at Payless (a San Pablo woman), and at FoodsCo (Richmond male juveniles).

A bike was turned in.

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**Newsline**

Bianca Montgomery

**Student to attend national leadership conference**

EL CERRITO — Resident Bianca Montgomery has been selected to attend The National Young Leaders Conference Nov. 19 in Washington, D.C. The conference is billed as a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Montgomery, a senior, will be among 350 students nationwide participating.

During the conference, participants will be welcomed by the Floor of the United States House of Representatives, take part in a panel discussion with members of the National Press Club, visit foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials. Montgomery will also participate in leadership skill building activities.

"I am very fortunate to have been selected. I have a strong desire for learning. I believe education can be the skeleton key to many doors in life. My goals

include walking through many of those doors," said Montgomery, whose main interests include writing poetry and short stories, a children's book and a board game geared toward teenagers called "The High Road or the Low Road."

**Senior center holds bake sale**

EL CERRITO — Homemade cakes, cookies, pies, and breads will be the main attraction at "The Open House" Bake Sale on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito (behind the Library).

The bake sale is a fundraiser for the Home Delivered Meal Program ("Meals on Wheels"), which provides hot noon meals for homebound elderly persons in El Cerrito and Kensington.

Community members can help by bringing baked goods to "The Open House" Senior Center by 3 p.m. on Nov. 13 and/or coming to the bake sale on Nov. 14 and buying goodies.

For information call Doris Patton at 215-4342 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Child care center moved**

EL CERRITO — Children participating in the city-sponsored childcare program at the Canyon Trail Clubhouse were moved to the Castro Clubhouse recently after a problem was discovered at the former facility.

According to City Manager Gary Pokorny, there have been "some indications of failure of the foundation" at the Canyon Trail Clubhouse.

Staff will evaluate the building and any movement of the soil under the building. The children will not return until the evaluation is completed and any necessary corrections made.

"We wanted to make sure there was no danger to the public or to our staff," Pokorny said.

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is finally approved. Even then, the amount of money to be generated is an unknown quantity.

The establishment of such a program has been under discussion for about eight months. Several months ago, Lisa Hogeboom, WCCTAC's program manager, met with the El Cerrito City Council to discuss the STMP proposal.

At that time, Highway 4 improvements were a major topic for discussion. WCCTAC's preliminary thinking was that a large amount of the funding raised would go for those improvements; other cities agreed, as did a consultant to WCCTAC.

council members wondered what the connection was to El Cerrito.

Then-mayor Cathie Kosel, for example, shared her own concerns for Highway 4 safety; a former student and friend had been killed on the road, which is known for its continuing tragic accidents. At the same time, she does not believe that developers working on projects in El Cerrito should pay mitigation fees for projects that have little connection to the community.

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**Garden club features holiday arrangements**

EL CERRITO — Home for the Holidays will be the theme of blue-ribbon flower arranger Mary Hall, Berkeley, when she presents her designs at the El Cerrito Garden Club's meeting and fund-raiser, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. A special array of member-

grown plants for sale, door prizes, white elephants, silent auction, arts and crafts and club T-shirts will also be offered. Hall will also donate some of her designs as prizes. Tickets for non-members will be available at the door for \$5.

A master judge of California Garden Clubs, Inc., state board, Hall

is chair of its Landscape Design Critics Council. She is a longtime club member. Her work has been widely seen and acclaimed throughout Northern California at garden shows, fairs, and special horticultural events.

For more information, contact Dee Pruyin, 527-7409.

**County to hold public hearing on health care**

A public hearing will be held regarding proposed action that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors disband the current Contra Costa County Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Planning Council and designate

the Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging as the ADHC Planning Council.

The purpose of the ADHC Planning Council is to facilitate the establishment and continuation of Adult Day Health Care

programs to meet the needs of Contra Costa County residents.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., Second Floor, Sequoia Room, 50 Douglas Drive, Martinez.

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### Events, meetings, classes...

**Albany Senior Center**, 846 Masonic Ave. Nov. 11; Meeting of Parents Involved in Education, 7-9 p.m.

**Berkeley Gray Panthers**, 1325 Grant St. 527-3790. Meetings: Nov. 8: Peace and Justice Committee at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 11: Transportation Committee at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 12: Education Committee at 10:30 a.m. Health Committee at 12:30 p.m. Board of Directors at 2 p.m. Nov. 14: Media Committee at 10:30 a.m. Housing Committee at 2 p.m.

**Berkeley Hiking Club**, Nov. 10: Lunch and Waterfront Park hike. 526-1667.

**Borders Books-Music-Cafe**, 5800 Shellmound St., Emery Bay Public Market. 654-1633. Nov. 8: Brenda Knight discusses *Women of the Beat Generation* at 7 p.m. Nov. 11: Comedy: Steve Rosenfield and Don Prazzo at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13: Leil Lowndes discusses *How to Make Anyone Fall in Love With You* at 7:30 p.m.

**Claremont Branch** of the Berkeley Public Library, 2940 Benvenue, 644-6880. Nov. 7: Spine-tangling stories for adults at 7:30 p.m. 644-6880.

**East Bay Genealogical Society** meets at 10 a.m. on Nov. 13 at Berkeley Public Library, Shattuck and Kirttide. 526-5052.

**Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center**, 1414 Walnut St. Third Sunday of every month: Cafe Europa, an intergenerational discussion group for Holocaust survivors and children of survivors will meet from 3-5 p.m. 704-7475. Nov. 10: Laurel Zoloth Dorfman, *The Ethics of Encounter*, at 10 a.m. \$4 members, \$5 public. 848-0237.

**Black Oak Books**, 1491 Shattuck Ave. 486-0698. Nov. 7: Linda Grant, *Lethal Genes*. Nov. 10: Annick Smith, *Big Bluestem: A Journey into the Tallgrass*, and William Kirtide, *Who Owns the West?* Nov. 12: Czeslaw Milosz, *A Book of Luminous Things: An International Anthology of Poetry*. Nov. 13: Barbara Sofer, *The Thirteenth Hour*. Nov. 14: Fred Leibson, *Out West*.

**Cafe Crayon**, 1309 Solano Ave. 527-4475. Wednesday nights: Free chess club for kids. Lessons by coach Robert Haines. Please bring a chess set. Second Tuesday of each month: Healthy Baby Workshops from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Wednesdays: Soroptimist — Berkeley/Albany working women meet at 12:15. We welcome new members.

**Cal Postmasters** meets every

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at 120 C Bechtel Hall, UC Berkeley campus.

**Center for Psychological Studies**, 1398 Solano Ave. 524-0291. Nov. 8: Lecture: *The Biopsychosocial Treatment of Chronic Pain*, given by Kimeron Hardin from noon — 1:30 p.m.

**Cody's Books**. Events at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled. Nov. 7: Matthew Guttmann, *The Meanings of Macho: Being a Man in Mexico City*. Nov. 8: Al Young, *Who Is Angelina?* Nov. 11: Belle Yang, *Baba: A Return to China upon My Father's Shoulders*. Nov. 12: Karen Gordon, *Paris Out of Hand: A Wayward Guide*. Nov. 14: Jon Ortner, *Where Every Breath Is a Prayer: A Photographic Pilgrimage into the Spiritual Heart of Asia*.

**EcoTimber**, 1020 Heinze Ave. Nov. 9: Workshop titled "Good Wood—Sustainably Harvested and Recycled Wood Products," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RSVF 549-3000.

**Eastwind Books of Berkeley**, 1986 Shattuck. 548-2350. Nov. 9: Al Robles, *rappin' with ten thousand carabao in the dark*, at 6:30 p.m.

**Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore**, 1385 Shattuck. 843-6725. Events at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled. Nov. 7: Marybeth Bond, *Gutsy Women: Travel Tips and Wisdom for the Road*. Nov. 14: Judith Gilford, *The Packing Book: Secrets of the Carry-On Traveler*.

**First Unitarian Church**, One Watson Rd.-Mooser Ln. at Arlington, Kensington. Nov. 9: Lecture: What Does Enlightenment Actually Feel like? By Abe Levitsky and Steve Berkov from 10 a.m.—noon. 373-8850. \$5 suggested donation.

**Gaia Books**, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172. All events \$3 at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Nov. 7: Brenda Knight and poets, *Women of the Beat*. Nov. 8: Sue Bender, *Everyday Sacred*. Nov. 10: Rose Offner, *Journal to the Soul*. Nov. 11: Mandy Attel, *Reading Other People: A Writing Workshop* from 9-10 p.m. Nov. 12: Tom Hayden, *The Lost Gospel of the Earth*. Nov. 13: Marcia Emery, *Intuition Workbook*. Andrew Harvey and Eryk Hanut, *Mary's Vineyard*.

**Israeli folk dancing** 8 to midnight, Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veteran Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito. 231-0959.

**Kensington 55-plus Activity Center**, at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146. Nov. 7: "Expansion of the Local Park System," at 11 a.m. Red Cross blood

pressure check available from 9:30-11 a.m. Nov. 14: North Bay Saxophone Quartet at 11 a.m.

**Kensington Recreation Center**, 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month: East Bay Collectors Club meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. Stamp collecting, postal history and all related matters. 465-6266 or 526-5397.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**, Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak Blvd. 642-5132. Saturdays and Sundays: Holt Planetarium at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Saturdays: Computer Lab 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$5 per adult/child team. Recommended for children 5 and up. Free stargazing from nightfall to 11 p.m. Through Jan. 19: "Brain Games," a colorful, interactive exhibition featuring games designed to stimulate your mind. Nov. 11, 26: Holiday Fun. Family Workshops: Call 642-5134 at least one week before.

**Kensington Library**, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043. Nov. 14: The Lindsey Wildlife Museum will show creatures of the night at 3 p.m.

**M.C. Newburn Books**, 950 San Pablo. 524-1370. Nov. 9: Najeerah Laja, *Riper the Berry, Sweeter the Juice*, at 5:30 p.m.

**Pacific Film Archive**, 2621 Durant Ave. Nov. 10: *Shakespeare's Children at noon*.

**Redwood Gardens**, 2951 Derby St. Every Monday night: East Bay Singers, who welcome new members, will rehearse. 527-8318.

**REI**, 1338 San Pablo Ave. 527-4140. Oct. 24: Northern California's Lost and Found Coasts: Famous and Little Known Trails West of Highway 101, at 7 p.m. Nov. 7: Climbing Denali at 7 p.m. Nov. 9: Snowboards at 2 p.m. Nov. 14: Cross Country Skiing: Get Ready to Go, at 7 p.m.

**Stained Glass Garden**, 1800 Fourth St. 841-2200. Through Nov. 23: Introduction to Stained Glass, Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 14-19 (except Nov. 25); An Introduction to Stained Glass, 7-9 p.m.

**Tehiyah Day School**, 2603 Tassajara Ave. 233-3013. The Hanukkah Book Fair will be Nov. 7 from noon to 3 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m., Nov. 8 from noon-4 p.m., and Nov. 11 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**University YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Women's Career Network is free to YWCA members and \$20 for nonmembers. One-hour session of Career Counseling is \$40 mem-

bers and \$50 nonmembers. Self-assessment for Career Direction is \$120 members / \$130 nonmembers. Classes in Salsa, Ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, Bellydance, Yoga, Aikido, Karate, Aerobics, Fitness Boxing, Pilates-based exercise, Modern Jazz and more begin in mid-Oct. Drop-in fees \$6.50-\$10.

**U.C. Extension**, 1995 University Ave. Nov. 9: Physician-Assisted Suicide: Respect for a Right to Die or Murder? 1-5 p.m. at Alumni House, U.C.B. campus. \$15. The Black Madonna, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$8. Nov. 9 and 10: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Restored, from 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 9 to 23: African-American Children and Their Families, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$150. **U.C. Theater**. Nov. 8: *Get Over It* at 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Nov. 8: *You Ain't The Boss of Me* at 7 p.m.

**Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St. 841-8431. Nov. 8: "Develop Powerful Presentation Skills with PowerPoint 4.0," from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 9: "U.S. Customs, Duties and Harmonized Systems" from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$6.50 for CA residents.

### Performances

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. Nov. 7: The Gumbo Band at 9 p.m. \$6. Nov. 8: Amanda Poets at 9:30 p.m. \$8. Nov. 9: Balkan dance lesson at 8 p.m. Edessa Anoush Ellas at 9:30 p.m. \$8. Nov. 10: Awards reception for Californians for Affirmative Action and the Suitcase Clinic, from 2:40-3 p.m. Tropical Vibrations at 9 a.m. \$7. Nov. 12: Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. Al Rapone at 9 p.m. \$7. Nov. 13: West Coast swing lessons at 8 p.m. Rusty Zinn at 9. Nov. 14: Akimbo at 9 p.m.

**Aurora Theatre Company** presents *Seascape*, Berkeley City Club, 2315 Duran. 848-7800. Through Nov. 10.

**Blake's**, 2376 Telegraph Ave. 848-0886. Nov. 7: Steve Gannon and the Monday Blues Jam. \$3.

**Brick Hut**, 2512 San Pablo Ave. 486-1124. Third Thursday of every month: Community Open Mic. Musicians, poets, comics and performance artists of every stripe welcome to practice or work on their material. 7:30-9:30. \$5 suggested donation.

**Berkeley Public Library**, 2090 Kittredge. Nov. 8: UpSurge! poetry and jazz at 8 p.m. 644-6100.

**Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave. El Cerrito. Through Nov. 23: *Murder by the Book*. 8 p.m. on Fri.,

Sat. 2 p.m. on Nov. 3. \$10 adults/ \$6 youths. 524-9132.

**Freight and Salvage**, 1111 Addison St. 548-1761. Music at 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Nov. 8: Greg Brown. Nov. 9: Martin Sexton and Vance Gilbert. Nov. 10: Robin and Linda Williams. Nov. 12: Barbara Lamb Fiddle Band, plus Mike Dowling. Nov. 13: Battlefield Band. Nov. 14: Martin Simpson.

**Hertz Hall**, University of California. Nov. 8: Chamber Chorus at 8 p.m. Nov. 10: BCCP at 3 p.m. Nov. 13: Collegium Musicum Baroque Orchestra from 12:15-1 p.m.

**Racing Hare**, Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. Through Nov. 10. 436-5085.

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Theater presented by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, 1301 Shattuck Ave. Friday

and Saturday through Nov. 16. \$9.

**Starry Plough Restaurant and Pub**, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082. Music starts at 9:45 Friday and Saturday, 9:30 on Thursday. Traditional Irish music every Sunday starting at 8 p.m. Every Monday: Irish dance lessons at 7 p.m. Traditional Irish music at 9 p.m. Every Tuesday: Cabaret Open Mike at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7: Saturn's Flea Collar, OJAS, \$3. Nov. 8: Tempest, The Green Men. \$6. Nov. 9: The Supernaturals, Thumb of the Maid, DJ Shante. \$6. Nov. 14: Benefit for Berkeley Food Bank and Barley Productions: Missing Link, Jockey.

**St. John's Presbytery Church**, 2727 College Avenue at Garber St. Nov. 9: The SF Early Music Society presents "Mad About Italy: France Looks South" at 8 p.m. \$20 general/ \$17 seniors and SFEMS Members/ \$10 students. 528-1725. Nov. 10: Berkeley Youth Orchestra at 4 p.m. \$3 suggested donation. 845-4536.

**St. Joseph the Worker Church**, 1640 Addison St. Nov. 8: Coro Hispano de San Francisco and Conjunto Nuevo Mundo on Dia de los Muertos, at 8 p.m. \$9 general/ \$7 students. 415-431-4234.

**Le Val's Subterranean Theatre**, Nov. 12: *The Marx Brothers go to the OK Murder Media Circus*. 653-74-6.

**Templebar**, 984 University Ave. 548-9888. Nov. 9: Kem Kanikapila and Friends at 9:30 p.m.

**Trinity Chapel**, 2320 Dana St. Nov. 9: Duo Linos at 8 p.m.

**University Theater Workshop**, Nov. 7, 8, 9: *The Day Room*. 642-9925.

**Zellerbach Hall**, UC Berkeley. Nov. 13: Carl Franklin at 7 p.m. Nov. 8: Guarneri String Quartet. \$30. Nov. 9: Inti-Illimani at 8 p.m. \$24/ \$30. Nov. 10: Sabri Burhan. There will be a pre-concert with the Brothers from 2-3 p.m. \$20/ \$24/ \$18.

**Zellerbach Playhouse**, Margaret Jenkins Dance Company. Nov. 13: *Swan Lake*.

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# Albany unveils new ramp to the internet

Richard A. Russo

ALBANY — There's a new ramp to the "Information Super Highway," and it's right at the Albany Library. On Sunday, Oct. 21, the library opened its new Internet station. The public now has full access to the library's terminal. In addition to catalogs of libraries, museums and government agencies around the world, patrons will have access to the full range of materials available on the Web, including information files, graphic images, and audio and video clips.

"The World Wide Web is particularly helpful for current information that may be difficult to find in conventional print sources," explained Ronnie Davis, Albany Branch Librarian. "For example, right now there's a wealth of information available on the elections. The Clinton, Dole and Perot campaigns all have web sites, and the California Voters Foundation offers non-partisan in-



**Wade Olofson surfs the net at the Albany Library.**

dition to the County Library, both the city of Albany and Albany High School have their own sites on the World Wide Web. The city

das, and information on public services, as well as links to other sites, such as the Earthquake Preparedness Program (EQPP).

Albany High School beat everyone on to the "Super Highway." Students working under the direction of school librarian Linda Nielsen and her husband, Al, had the school's home page up on the Web at the beginning of the year. The Internet terminal in the school library is heavily used for research, and there are links to other Web sites, including the city's home page and the Albany Library. A unique feature is the Alumni Guestbook, where alumni can sign in and keep in touch with their old school.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m., the Friends of the Albany Library will feature a program entitled "Albany on the Internet" as part of their annual membership meeting. The program is open to the general public and will feature speakers from the library, the city and the high school, as well as live demonstrations of the Internet. Internet access is available at the Albany Library during all open hours. Call the library at 526-3720 to make an advance reservation.

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— BRANCH LIBRARIAN RONNIE DAVIS

formation on local and state elections.

Newsgroups are another main attraction, providing a global forum for people to share information, discuss topics of mutual interest, and ask questions. If you have an unusual interest or hobby, you're almost certain to find someone else on the Web who shares it — even if they live in Europe or Africa or Asia.

Albany is more than just an entry point to the Internet. In addition to the Internet, the library's catalog as well as Internet search tools.

The Internet station has already been a big hit. Just in the first

of Albany's "home page" was developed by Ann Ritzma, Assistant to the City Administrator, and has been available since July.

"The City Council is committed to finding new ways to communicate more effectively with the public," Ritzma said. "Response to the web site has been very enthusiastic." The city's home page includes general information about Albany, city employment opportunities, public meeting announcements and agen-

tary figures vary from year to year, depending on how much the state budget sends to the districts.

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## ■ Albany PTA Council News

### School Board to hold hearing

On Tuesday, Nov. 12 the Albany School Board will hold a public hearing to determine how to spend a "one-time district grant" from the state of \$112,024. The money is intended to provide for non-recurring items, such as instructional materials, library resources, technology, and deferred maintenance. Nevertheless, the funds are unrestricted, and could be used to increase teacher salaries.

If the board wants to spend this money on salaries, the law requires a second public hearing. Last year, the board used a similar state grant to give the teacher a small salary increase, rather than spending it on any of the above non-recurring costs.

Only unrestricted funds can pay for teacher's salaries. Restricted funds — also called "categorical funds" — are those targeted by the state for specific programs, the most expensive being Special Education. Categorical funds can pay only for the programs mandated by the state.

More often than not, however, the state mandates a program and sends only part of the money needed to pay for it. Districts are then required to make up the difference out of money from the general fund. The practice of taking general fund money to pay for categorical programs is called "encroachment."

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year.

However, part of the increased state contributions (not including the one-time grant money mentioned above) were intended to pay for class size reduction and for site council funds, among other things. While these are not restricted funds, they were intended for specific purposes. Some of this money was allocated to hire four new teachers to teach smaller classes in the first grade. The money is already spent.

For site council grants to be used towards a pay raise, the individual site councils must meet and vote to use their money that way. These grants are expected to generate about \$66 per student, which means that the grants could give Marin and Cornell about \$34,000 each, Vista-MacGregor \$25,000, Albany Middle School \$45,000, Albany High School \$55,000, and MacGregor continuation high school \$25,000.

The disparities of timing and scheduling further complicate the process for everyone. Money from the state arrives at various times, often after the decision to spend it has to be made. (Class size reduction money, which the school board allocated in August so that teachers could be hired for September classes, had not arrived as of last week. But it will, it will...)

Site council grants depend on the site council recommending and the school board approving a spending plan before the May 1 deadline. Some Albany site councils still need members. Contact your school if you want to know more about its site council.

### Meetings this week:

Tuesday, Nov. 12: Albany School Board meets and holds a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell Multi-Use room.

Thursday, Nov. 14: Marin PTA meeting, 7 p.m.

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## County sets up free health tests

To help encourage Contra Costa women over 40 years old who are low-income and have either no health insurance or inadequate coverage to get important health care screening, the county has established one-stop women's health services.

The Contra Costa County Health Services Department says that beginning Nov. 7, health centers in Richmond and Pittsburg will begin offering free pap smears, clinical breast exams and mammograms in East and West County for qualified women over the age of 40. (For appointments and more information, call 374-3146 in Richmond.) The program is co-sponsored by the Contra Costa Health Plan.

"We are excited that these uninsured women can now receive free breast health and pap

smears," says Ann Zukoski, coordinator of the Contra Costa Breast Cancer Partnership, a coalition that advocates for increasing women's access to comprehensive health care.

Zukoski says the partnership hopes making services easier for women to use will encourage them to have regular health check-ups. She points out that improving access is especially important in Contra Costa County, where the breast cancer

rate is the second-highest in the state.

According to Zukoski, the services in Richmond will be available once a week. In Pittsburg, women's health care is available once a month.

"The bottom line is, we want to encourage women to get health check-ups. Early detection can save your life. To motivate women, we tell them, 'Do it for yourself, do it for those who love you.'"

## Duplicate bridge games in El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — Duplicate bridge games suitable for the novice player are held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Entry fees are \$2 per person — call 232-6689 for information. Games run about three hours. Additional duplicate bridge games are held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m., and every Monday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., at the Community Center. Entry fees are \$3

per person — call 232-6689.

The Thursday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. game will be in the barometer format, in which players will be able to track their standing throughout the game, and for which the hands will be pre-dealt and hand records with brief analyses will be provided — entry fee for this event only is \$5 per person.

Games are held at Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, every Wednesday and Friday

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Prior to opening Brown Chiropractic Healthcare, she was a Nursing Supervisor at Alameda Hospital where she now teaches Therapeutic Touch Classes.

Her interest in preventive health led her to Chiropractic College. As a chiropractor Dr. Brown assists in regaining and maintaining health through a comprehensive program which includes chiropractic manipulation, physiotherapy, therapeutic exercise, nutritional and stress management. She is currently studying a post-doctoral program in Chiropractic Neurology and

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Lynne Fitzsimmons takes her job seriously. So seriously, in fact, that she is currently serving as President of the Park Street Business Association (PSBA) - a portion of the territory in which she sells retail advertising for the Alameda Journal and Hills Newspaper Group. She feels that to truly assist businesses in promoting their product or service she has to know the potential customer base herself.

A displaced Texan, Lynne has been a long-time Alameda resident and has been part of the Alameda Journal team for more than three years. She primarily serves clients in the Park Street Business District but is also responsible for several other accounts as well.

In addition to serving with PSBA, Lynne is also active on the boards of the Alameda Boys' and Girls' Club and Alameda Kiwanis Club, a member of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Committee and Women's Leads Group, and past president of



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## Places of worship celebrate half-century mark

The temple I belong to, Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Easter Hill Methodist Church is celebrating its 45th, and I have seen notices of other churches in the area who are also celebrating a half century of life.

It seems that most of what we hear about lately is about 50 years ago (other than the election, of course). But when you read this the election will be over and old news. But what was happening 50 years ago that made everything happen then?

We all know the answer to that, of course, but it takes some remembering.

The war was just over (The War, World War II, of course) and the service people were trickling back home. Back to a place where, unless you had a home before you left, you had a great deal of trouble finding a place to live. Many of us could find nothing but public housing in Richmond, housing built for the construction workers in the ship yards. Tiny apartments with only the basic necessities, but it was kind of fun because everyone was in the same position, poor, newly out of the service, some of us with our first baby, and making do. Making do can be great fun when you're young.

The people who had been working in the shipyards suddenly found themselves out of a job, many of them in a new place that had become familiar and comfortable. Some of them returned to their old homes, but many decided to remain, and, freed from the vital necessity of working at top speed in all sorts of hours found themselves snuggling in and making this

area their real home.

And many who had come to the area to service the newly arrived workers, by opening commercial business: grocery stores, clothing stores, restaurants, even jewelry stores, looked around and found that they, too, had become a part of the community, and this was to be their real home.

And with the new feeling of home, came to feeling of community, of wanting to know their fellows more closely, of wanting to make their home a part of something larger. And with that, of course, came the need to find their religious roots, and to build the churches and synagogues that gave definition to them and for their children.

And so churches were established, as was our temple, and people settled in to an every-day kind of life in the beautiful area called the Bay Area.

And now, 50 years later, those people who had established their places of worship are older (we never say old) or many, sadly, have passed away. And their children are continuing the establishments, along with people who have come in since that time and, perhaps, do not know of the rather painful but hopeful beginnings. Grandchildren and even great grandchildren have been born and life has gone one—with other wars, other problems, other crises, but still in a continuum that has brought them to this half century celebration and the feeling of "where has the time gone."

So we hail all of the organizations and churches and temples that are celebrating their

50th anniversaries this year (or their 45th when it took a little more time to establish it), congratulate all of them and add our wishes for "another happy, successful fifty years."

L'Chaim.

Another thing has brought on a feeling of nostalgia. This is the growing number of invitations and notices we have received of celebrations for people who, because of term limits, of burn out or necessity, have left public life and the many years they have given to representing their constituents in government, or on the boards of public agencies.

I think term limits are horrible, and as a result of them we are losing so many brilliant, excellent and experienced people. Some of them are running for other offices (I can talk about it now because by the time you read this we will know who has made it and who has not) and some of them are leaving the public sector and opting for the quiet and peace of private life.

We think in terms of "politicians" and often damn them or fault them for things they may or may not have done. Rarely do we recognize them and thank them and appreciate what one goes through to be part of public life. So when I receive invitations to receptions, teas, and other events planned to thank the person who has given so much time, energy, thought and effort on the behalf of the people they represent, I feel a

sadness and the nostalgia, recalling all their years of service and how it affected all of us.

So to all those people, and I won't name them because I am sure I would forget one or two who are or were vital to all of us (but I will include our own localite Ruth Ganong who, after years of serving on the school board, on the City Council, on the Board of A/C Transit, has finally decided to leave public life and enjoy just being a private person), I say Thank You for your years of service, for the joys of success, for the pain of failures, for the mighty effort of trying. May everything be calm and peaceful in your private life, now.

I am so deeply mired in nostalgia after all of this, that I can only climb out of it by reporting that the Treasure Sale held by the Richmond Museum of History, about which I have written so much (because I was so deeply involved) was a great success, including our first ever Preview Party. The party was attended by many El Cerrito, Kensington and Albany residents, so it is pertinent to this area. It was a lovely party and reports from those who

attended guarantee that it will be even better next year.

And the other organization about which I write so often, the Friends of the Albany Library, also had their one day paperback book sale and it, too, was a great success.

Now we are back to today, but it is fun to look back and remember how and when things started, and to congratulate ourselves for having made it — and made it pretty well — for the last 50 years. Here's to the next 50.

Back to reality and more of our community folk in our next column. Meanwhile, I continue to invite your input; Interesting people, events, organizations, occupations, travel, and anything else of that ilk that you think of. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. And thank you all.

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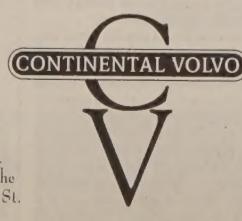
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Your responses will be used to help the two commissions make recommendations to City Council on how to use approximately \$6 million in government funds for services directed towards housing for low/moderate income households, improvement of public facilities, economic development which creates jobs for low income residents, and social services for low income residents. The public will again have a chance to comment on specific projects proposed prior to their submission to Council for final approval.

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



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LOWELL COHN

## Wheeling and dealing is Magic for the Warriors

MORAGA — Dave Twardzik looked dead tired. It was 1:30 p.m. last Saturday, and Twardzik had appeared at the Warriors practice after the most brilliant evening of his career as an NBA executive. For weeks, he'd been working on a way to dump Rony Seikaly, and then in the middle of the night he found it.

He'd been negotiating with Orlando, trying to structure a deal, and he thought he was close, but as he said later, "There were those proverbial other considerations."

Finally, at 7:15 Saturday morning he had worked out the final details with the Magic. He expected to feel tired, but he was unexpectedly refreshed as he watched the sun come up.

The deal was complex, and favored the Warriors in every way: The primary elements of it were centers Rony Seikaly, Clifford Rozier and a future second-round draft choice for seven-foot center Felton Spencer and forward Donald Royal.

Let's examine this piece by piece. Seikaly was never going to play for the Warriors again. He was a whining baby, constantly complaining that he didn't get enough shots, letting his disappointment affect him game after game. He was so focused on himself, on his points, on his numbers, on his feelings that he'd ask the Warriors public relations staff to keep him informed of his stats in the middle of games. "How am I doing?" he'd ask to be returned to the bench. When Warriors management heard about that, they banned the practice.

Understand this. If Twardzik had swapped Seikaly for Spencer that would have been enough. But he did more than that. He also cleansed the team of Rozier. It's not even clear that Rozier liked basketball anymore. The only reason he returned to the Warriors this season was that his salary, \$2.3 million, was guaranteed, and he'd have forfeited it if took a hike.

At first, the Magic would not hear of taking Rozier, which shows they were sane. But Twardzik hung in there. Either take Rozier or there would be no Seikaly. Twardzik sensed the Magic were so desperate to replace Shaquille O'Neal that they'd come around. And they did. What's even more interesting is that Twardzik would have cut Rozier if the Magic didn't want him. So he was able to trade a player he planned to dump. Nice work, right?

Now understand this. Trading Seikaly and Rozier would have been enough, but Twardzik did more than even that. He also acquired Royal, a small forward who's several notches above Donyell Marshall, who can score and who plays defense.

So Twardzik got rid of one no-show and one barely-show in one unbelievably productive all-nighter. In return, he may not have solved all his team's problems, but let's just say, he addressed them in a positive fashion.

Spencer will do exactly what the Warriors want, and love doing it. Unlike Seikaly, he has no desire to score — he's averaged only 6.7

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## Berkeley's bad trip

### Jackets miss shot at EBAL title in disruptive loss at Amador

By Mac Montandon

It took a degree of inquisitional insight to untangle last Friday night's East Bay Athletic League football game between Berkeley and Amador Valley.

In a battle for first place in the league, several players and personnel along the Berkeley sideline believed they were playing two teams: There was the one in the Dons uniforms, of course, but also the one in the black and white stripes. (See sidebar for more details on the officiating controversy.)

Additionally, the Yellowjackets seemed like two different teams: The one that appeared to be in control of the game, and the other that let it slip away after a questionable delay during a crucial juncture.

Berkeley led 7-6 at halftime after trailing 6-0 earlier in the game. The Jackets were driving for a chance to increase their lead when play was suddenly stopped.

Quarterback Larry Young had just run 16 yards for a first down, when the referees and the PA announcer implored police and Amador officials to remove all non-players or coaches from the Berkeley sideline.

Both schools remain bewildered as to what caused such a stop.

"It's inexplicable why the game had to be stopped," said Berkeley Athletic Director Lloyd Higgins. "The officials acted like there was a riot on our sideline, and really there was nothing going on. Amador doesn't know why the game was stopped, either."

What is known is that two

plays later, Young was picked off by Amador defensive back Junior Adams at the Dons' 13.

In the dark corner of the field, under a bank of burned out bulbs, Adams leapt high to snatch the ball. He couldn't have known then, but he was most likely snatching the league title as well. Shaken and out of rhythm, Berkeley never recovered.

"It took the heart out of our kids," Berkeley coach Joe Martin said, referring to the distracting delay, and subsequent turnover.

With 11:16 to go in the game, a high snap sailed over Jacket punter James Barnes' head, and rolled towards Berkeley's goal-line.

Barnes alertly slapped the ball through the end-zone, preventing an Amador touchdown. The safety gave the Dons an 8-7 lead. Adams finished the scoring with two 23-yard fourth quarter touchdown runs, producing the 22-7 final.

#### Offense stalls

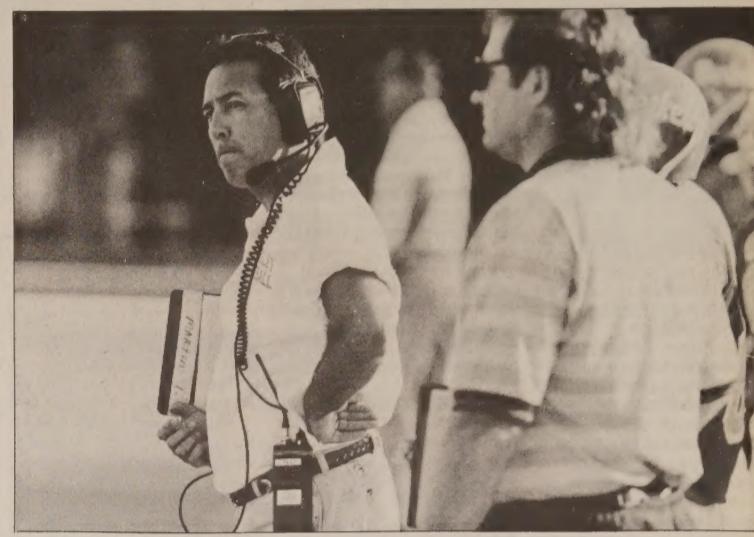
Though the Jackets were able to execute well along both their offensive and defensive lines, they couldn't extend their lead in the first half.

A hustling Amador defense, and a slick field limited the effectiveness of Berkeley's leading rusher, Devin Martin. Martin entered the game ranked fifth in the area in rushing yards with 848. He never got it going on Friday, however, running 19 times for 57 yards.

Young picked up some of the slack, as he ran for 63 yards, including a masterful 40-yard touchdown sprint in the second quarter.

On the play, Young rolled to his right, faking a pitch on the option. Somehow, he managed to turn the corner, stay in bounds, and twist

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Jeff Lindquist, File 1996

Berkeley coach Joe Martin couldn't understand why referees stopped the game during his team's most important drive at Amador Valley.

## Questions arise on why refs stopped game

According to Berkeley coach Joe Martin, 10 parents who attended last Friday night's football game between Berkeley and Amador Valley have filed complaints with East Bay Athletic League officials.

The parents are protesting the general treatment of the Berkeley team and its supporters by the game's referees.

Twice referees halted action while trying to clear the Berkeley sideline of anyone not directly involved with the team. Finally, a public address announcement prompted six police officers, a police dog, and Amador High officials to enact the referees' wishes.

Included on that sideline were Berkeley High Vice Principals Charlene Calvert and Fred Dunn-Ruiz, as well as Amador Valley

Principle Pat Gooday.

According to Berkeley Athletic Director Lloyd Higgins, Gooday is friends with Calvert and Dunn-Ruiz, and the three were chatting during the game.

Higgins called the incident an "embarrassment," to the Berkeley community, and, as of last Tuesday, still was unsure of the referees' motivation.

Higgins said he thought maybe the referees saw various reporters and a cameraman from Sports Focus, the area high school highlight show, and questioned what they were all doing on the Berkeley sideline.

While upset by the referees' tactics, and how the delay took attention away from the game, Martin said parents were also questioning the discretion of certain penalty

calls. Berkeley mounted close to 140 yards in penalties, while Amador accumulated 20 yards in flags.

During one sequence, with Berkeley leading 7-6 and driving in the second quarter, the Jackets were hit with an unnecessary roughness and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the same play. The ball was marched back 30 yards and the drive was over.

On the play, Jacket player Ariel Herzog attempted to help fellow receiver James Barnes maximize a gain, by pushing the pile forward. Martin said when an Amador player made the same play earlier, the officials had kept their flags in their pockets.

- Mac Montandon



Jeff Lindquist

SM's Matt Di Salvo stretches out, but can't reach Marcus Miles on a punt return.

## Panthers oh-so-close to upsetting Jets

By John Gardella

The Panthers came agonizingly close — first-and-goal-on-the-five-yard-line close — to pulling out a huge upset Saturday and, in the process, righting their season.

Instead, the St. Mary's football team suffered back-to-back losses for the first time in three seasons as Encinal escaped Peralta Field with a 34-27 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League win and an unblemished record.

"We matched up well against them," said Panthers coach Dan Shaughnessy. "We knew they would bite on certain things. But..."

It would be more accurate to say running back Trevor Davis beat the Panthers (4-4, 2-3 ACCAL). The Encinal senior rushed for a career-and school-best 342 yards and scored four of the Jets' five touchdowns.

"(Davis) doesn't come down very easily," said Panthers coach Dan Shaughnessy.

Davis' performance offset the strong effort by a young St. Mary's

team that was coming off its worst loss in Dan Shaughnessy's long coaching tenure. DeAnza, which had lost to Encinal (8-0, 6-0 ACCAL) at home earlier in the season, beat the Panthers 60-22 two weeks ago.

So, the Panthers' showing against the Jets was a moral victory of sorts for a team composed mostly of underclassmen.

Shaughnessy acknowledged his players' hard work after the game. As the players gathered around him, the coach said: "I'm not congratulating you for the loss. I'm congratulating you for the effort."

"We got their (Jets) attention," Shaughnessy said afterward. "At this point we are battling for self-respect."

The Panthers, a team that advanced to the North Coast Section playoffs each of the past two seasons, got eliminated from the postseason with their fourth loss, third in league.

But on the next play, a pitch to the right from Slendebroek to running back Devin Poche-West was

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El Cerrito and Encinal are undefeated in league. De Anza has one loss. But even if the Dons lose their last two games and the Panthers win their remaining two, giving both teams identical league records of 4-3, the Dons enjoy the tie-breaker having beaten the Panthers head-to-head.

With the win, Encinal remains one of only six teams in the East Bay and the lone school in the ACCAL to still be undefeated.

For a while, however, it looked as if the Jets would get grounded in Berkeley.

Trailing by one, 28-27, the Panthers faced a fourth-and-eighth on Encinal's 17-yard line with 7:28 left in the game. The Panthers elected to go for it.

Quarterback Max Slendebroek found Ben Gerbacio on the right sideline for a 13-yard pass reception and a first down inside the 5-yard line.

But on the next play, a pitch to the right from Slendebroek to running back Devin Poche-West was

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## Dead in the Red Zone

### EC must rebound against De Anza

By John Gardella

EC for first place in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

Although the Gauchos didn't have trouble moving the ball Friday, once they entered the red zone, Marin Catholic applied the defensive clamps and wouldn't allow El Cerrito to cross the elusive plane.

"They must have really studied the films because they played us perfectly," said offensive tackle Jerome Brown.

The Gauchos still had a shot on their final possession but got stuffed on fourth-and-two. The most shocking aspect of the game was not so much that El Cerrito lost, but its meager point total.

Running back Antoine Lacy, the area's leading rusher with 1,273 yards, ran for 193 against Marin Catholic. But the senior, who is second only to De La Salle's Saleem Muhammed (20) with 16 touchdowns, never stepped in the end zone.

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## Cougars look in the mirror and like what they see

By Mac Montandon

front of the mirror once more. With only 15 players able to compete last week, they still put up a stubborn fight against one of the ACCAL's tougher teams.

Beyond the records, some of the figures achieved on Friday indicated the two squads weren't that far apart.

De Anza (7-1, 5-1) gained 378 yards of total offense, while Albany managed 304. The hosts produced 14 first downs, as Albany's traveling show of patched-together bodies registered 12.

De Anza's Larry Parker started the scoring when he raced 55 yards in the first quarter. Don quarterback Ken Grobman then found Tommy James for the 2-point conversion, putting De Anza up 8-0.

The Cougars fought back. All See COUGARS on page 10

## Cohn...

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points in his six-year career. On the other hand, he will play defense. What a quaint notion. "He takes up room," Rick Adelman said. "He's experienced defending bigger guys. Maybe he'll make us a better defensive team."

He will also rebound. "He's a big body," Twardzik said. "He uses his body well. Statistically, he rebounds well. He gets one every 3.6 minutes, and that's exceptional."

Spencer was traded from Utah to Orlando in the off-season, and played exactly one game for the Magic. "I don't think (Orlando) could have made a fair decision based on the time I've been there, a month and a half," he said. "I felt I could have contributed. I feel good about coming to a team where you know you're wanted."

Spencer, who signed for three years, obviously has his limitations. Hey, did you expect the second coming of Wilt Chamberlain? He's slow, and routinely gets murdered by quick centers like David Robinson.

Royal, signed for this season only, will be a backup to Chris Mullin at small forward, which is encouraging when you consider the Warriors didn't have a backup. They had to press guard Latrell Sprewell into service. "My style is

made for West Coast teams," Royal said. "I love transitional ballgames. I get to the basket as much as possible, and score or get on the foul line."

With the completion of this trade, Twardzik and Adelman have a team they themselves put together. Think about that. They drafted Joe Smith, Todd Fuller and Andrew DeClercq, brought in Bimbo Coles, Mark Price and B.J. Armstrong. They kept Mullin. They re-signed Sprewell. Only Marshall is someone they're stuck with.

For the first time under their stewardship there are no nerds, jerks, weenies, babies or weasels on the team. This is good and this is bad. It means the Warriors will hang together. That's the good part. But it places pressure on Twardzik and Adelman.

Until now, no one criticized them because they had inherited the crumbling, degraded edifice bequeathed by Don Nelson. Now they have their own team, and it is fair for us to judge these Warriors.

What do we expect? Clearly not an NBA title. But we want a team that can stop other teams, a team that competes, maybe even a team that makes the playoffs this season. With Saturday's trade, the Warriors went from unspeakably horrible to merely mediocre.

That's surely not the end of the quest, but it's a sign of definite progress.

elusive and ubiquitous "mirror." With all the flash and cash involved with contemporary professional sports, we could believe that players spend all their time between performances, priming in their own image.

That's precisely why this year's Albany team is so appealing. No question the Cougars have struggled this season, their lone win coming against last place Richmond. But with a dwindling active roster, and little or no fan fare, they've pressed on.

As Freeman says week after week, his players never give up, they play the whole game, and they play hard. If any team deserves to stand proudly before the reflective glass of analysis, it is these Cougars. Albany plays at Encinal (7-0, 5-0) Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

## Jackets...

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away from Amador defenders, for the score.

Until Adams' late touchdowns, Berkeley's defense made several impressive stands. Linebackers Jason Jacobs and Bernard Vincent, and safety Jubali Matsuda surged through the Dons' line, leading a Jacket defense, which held Amador to 2 yards passing.

"We played with a lot of character, a lot of competitiveness," Martin said. "But you saw what happened, write about what you saw."

As much as one dislikes blaming officiating for influencing the out-

come of a game, last Friday's seemingly unwarranted, and ill-timed interruption by the referees contributed to a palpable shifting of momentum.

Unfortunately, the 10 minutes it took to clear the Berkeley sideline was enough to quell what was developing into an excellent high school contest.

Martin said if the Jackets win their remaining two regular-season games, they will apply for an alternate bid to the North Coast Section playoffs.

Berkeley (5-3, 2-1 in the EBAL), plays at Monte Vista tomorrow night. The Jackets conclude their schedule a week from tomorrow at home against California.

## Red Zone...

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Quarterback George Phillips entered the game as the area's top-rated passer having completed 38 of 61 passes. Friday, however, he managed to complete just eight passes in 22 attempts.

"We played a pretty good defense," said coach Frank Milo. "It was a fortunate that it happened in a non-league game. Marin Catholic is a good defensive club. They have a bend-type defense, one that doesn't break. They do a good job of getting to the football and stopping it. But we were bothered by the lack of points. We know we possibly should have won the game."

The Gauchos can't let the loss bother them, not with De Anza on the slate for tomorrow. The Dons (7-1, 5-1 ACCAL) are a veteran team with a good defense and an outstanding offense.

"Practice has been good so far," Milo said Tuesday. "The players know what has to be done."

The matchups are intriguing.

The Gauchos have the third-rated defense in the area, leaking only

183.6 yards per game. They led the area with 30 takeaways. The Dons' offense, especially its running back, is even better than El Cerrito's.

De Anza has the second-best defense of all East Bay schools, averaging 438.8 per game (2,334 rushing, 1,117 passing). The Dons turned over the ball 13 times.

Flip the two teams and you mirror image.

The Gauchos offense averages 433.5 yards per game. They rushed for 2,528 yards and 1,117 passing. Last year, excepted, the Gauchos scored fast and fast, averaging over 42 points per game. The Dons' defense ranked in the top 15 in the area is second only to El Cerrito's in ACCAL.

"De Anza can move the ball in the air and on the ground," Milo said. "The key is shut down the running game. The last two or three games they have been averaging 40 or less passes per game. Their side running has improved every year."

"On offense we have to capi-ize when we are in the red zone."

Up until last week, the Gauchos were doing that all season.

## EC Youth Baseball meeting

El Cerrito Youth Baseball is holding its monthly meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 13 and Wednes-

day Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Hills Park Clubhouse, 7115 C Street El Cerrito.

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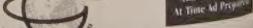
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## ■ East Bay Events



Coro Hispano de San Francisco performs Friday at St. Joseph the Worker.

### From Andalusia to Peru

Coro Hispano de San Francisco and Conjunto Nuevo Mundo will perform a concert program of votive-songs, folk songs in concert arrangement, motets and responsories from Iberia and Iberoamerica in celebration of Dia de los Muertos on Friday at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley.

The music for this series includes a flamencollanto from Andalusia; a 16th-century votive-song to Our Lady of Guadalupe, composed by an Aztec maestro and sung Nahualt; a processional chant from early 17th-century Peru, sung in Quechua; as setting for voices, flutes, guitars, bells and drums of the haunting Ecuadorean melody *Vasija de Barro*.

### Annual Mills College event for writers

Three renowned California authors and performers are participating in 1996's Writers Harvest on Nov. 14 at Mills College in Oakland. Floyd Salas, Sesshu Foster, and Beth Lisick will perform their works as part of a national day of writers reading to support the fight against hunger.

Writers Harvest, a program of Share Our Strength, is a national day of readings held in more than sites across the United States. Proceeds from the readings will go directly to a local organization involved in providing food and supplies for the homeless and hungry. The Alameda County Community Food Bank is the local recipient.

Floyd Salas, author of *Buffalo Nickel* and *What Now My Love*; Sesshu Foster, poet and author of *Angry Days* and the new *City Terrace Field Manual*; and Beth Lisick, performance poet and author of the soon-to-be-released collection *Bride of Inertia* will join Mills' faculty and students in readings that feed the spirit in order to feed the body.

This event starts in the afternoon at 3:30 p.m. with readings by the winners of the Mills Writing contest as well as student and faculty authors. A food fair featuring cuisine donated by some of the Bay Area's finest restaurateurs will follow the afternoon reading. In the evening, the performances by Salas, Foster and Lisick are being held in the Student Union beginning at 7 p.m. and closing with a book signing at 9:30 p.m. The donation is \$10.

### Featuring Brahms

Pianist David Golub joins the Guarneri String Quartet in Brahms' Piano Quintet in F minor, Opus 34, at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Zellerbach Hall. Tickets are available by calling 642-9988. The program also includes Mozart's Quartet in F major, K. 168 and Mendelssohn's Quartet in D major, Opus 44, No. 1. The Guarneri String Quartet has been called "one of the world's most elegant chamber ensembles."



### Early music of France

The San Francisco Early Music Society presents Musical Assembly in "Mad About Italy: France Looks South," with Michael Sand, violin; Martha McGaughey, viola da gamba; Arthur Haas, harpsichord; and guest artist Rob Diggins, violin on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$20 general, \$17 seniors and SFEMS members/\$10 students (at the door, with ID). Call 528-1725.

The members of Musical Assembly first played together in Europe, where they all have studied and lived, performing and recording with the finest early music ensembles on the Continent. Now living in the United States, they have come together to form the present ensemble, dedicated to the performance on period instruments of the great chamber works of the Baroque era.

Since 1990, Musical Assembly has delighted audiences at universities, early music societies, and museums across the country. They have received high praise in the press for both their concert performances and for their debut CD recording of chamber music by François Couperin.

### Berkeley Opera gala on the calendar

Berkeley Opera's annual gala benefit concert will take place Monday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. Internationally renowned bass Samuel Ramey headlines a list of singers from the San Francisco and Berkeley Opera companies in an evening of opera excerpts accompanied by the Berkeley Opera Orchestra led by Berkeley Opera's artistic director Jonathan Khuner.

KDFC radio personality Dianne Nicolini is mistress of ceremonies. In addition to Ramey, featured artists include mezzo-soprano Catherine Keen, male soprano Randall Wong, tenor Stuart Skelton, baritone David Okerlund, bass Philip Skinner, and others to be announced.

The concert is followed by a champagne reception with sparkling wine provided by Domaine Chandon.

Tickets for the gala evening are \$50 and \$100 and are available from Thrams Ticket Agency, 2131 Broadway in Oakland. To charge by phone, call 444-8575.

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## New film demonstrates how kids take to Shakespeare

By Renata Polt

"I play Quince, and I like it because I get to be a leader," says LaGrace, an elementary school student playing a role in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Getting to be a leader, *being* a leader, is only one of the motives of the children who participate in Kate Kline May's Shakespeare Project at Berkeley's Malcolm X School. Some of the results of that project have now made it onto a film, *Shakespeare's Children*, a documentary premiering at the Pacific Film Archive Nov. 10 as part of the annual Film Arts Festival. Directors of the 50-minute film are Allie Light and Irving Saraf (directors of *In the Shadow of the Stars*), and the production staff's credits include such films as *James and the Giant Peach*, *Dim Sum*, and *Fly Away Home*.

You may wonder: Berkeley public school kids doing *Shakespeare*? The film—and evidently May's efforts in the school for the past five years—attest to the project's success. The kids not only memorize their lines, but they learn to interpret them, to project them and, yes, to understand them. "It's a comedy," says one child earnestly of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, as if she'd been studying drama theory for decades.

It was after teaching

Anyone who could resist falling in love with these cuties has a serious case of cardiac inadequacy.



Top right: Kate Cline May and Sidney Hayes; above: Christopher May and Anne Darby



Shakespeare to Malcolm X fourth- and sixth-graders for several years that drama teacher and performance artist May embarked on the project of making the film, which consumed three years. Casting every student in the classes as either an actor or a production assistant, May got the play onto the school stage for the kids' families, friends, and whoever else wanted to come. *Shakespeare's Children* is a chronicle of that effort.

The film focuses on four children: LaGrace, whose single father used to be a crack addict; Zoe, whose mother died when she was a baby and whose work on the play helped bring her out of a long period of shyness; Donald, the school cut-up, who reveals real talent and sensitivity when challenged; and Stephen, subject of a custody battle, who lives with a cousin, also a volunteer acting coach.

These kids, and others in the cast, really get into their parts, into the group effort. They learn to cooperate, and they learn to learn. They enjoy the jokes and the sexual ambivalence of *Midsummer Night's Dream*. And who wouldn't enjoy getting into

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## Berkeley hosts film fest finale

The Film Arts Festival, the Bay Area's unique showcase for made-in-Northern California film and video will conclude, its 8-day run in the East Bay with screenings at the UC Theater and the Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley, this Friday and Sunday.

Nick Katsapetses' 16mm feature *Get Over It* screens twice (4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8) at the UC Theater. When the story opens, Steven (Troy Morgan), our hangdog hero is dumped by his lover Derek (Katsapetses) and begins sliding into a deep depression. Things go from bad to worse when his best friend, Pam (Deborah Cordell) invites a gang of their old friends up from L.A. to help cheer him up.

Like a gay *Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice* for the '90s, *Get Over It* unreels with acid wit and black humor poking fun at this dysfunctional group of friends as they stumble through each other's lives

and beds. Made for \$9,000 over an eight-month period, the film is proof that all you need is a good script, some dedicated actors and a lot of determination to pull off what most can't do for \$9 million.

Katsapetses succeeds with strong, funny characters who are as cluelessly cruel as they are lovable.

A second program, "You Ain't The Boss of Me" (UC Theater, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.) takes a look at female problems, from the right to have control over one's body to the comic dilemmas of realizing one's potential. The program includes Kristine Clark's thought provoking documentary, *Birth of Perception*, an exploration into the controversy surrounding the French abortion pill, RU-486.

Using the story of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to deny Leona Benton access to the drug as a jumping-off point, the film

opens a discourse on the larger issues of reproductive freedom and the right to privacy. The program is rounded out by two short films, including *Little Miss Potentilla*, Thalia Drori's wicked silent-movie look at a young woman's struggle to find meaning in her work; and Lynn Kirby's *Sincerely*, a filmed reply to a letter she received in 1980 from an anonymous senator concerning the Hyde amendment, a bill which prohibited federal funds for abortions.

The Festival closes with the world premiere screening of *Shakespeare's Children* (Nov. 10, 12 noon) at Pacific Film Archive. Produced by Kate Kline May, Irving Saraf and Allie Light, the film celebrates the "Shakespeare for Children" program at Berkeley's Malcolm X public school.

Film Arts Foundation, the presenter of the 1996 Film Arts Festival, celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

### JazzPoetry at the library

UpSurge!, a performance ensemble of cutting-edge poetry and straight-ahead jazz, offers a reflective and resurgent outing to promote a speedy recovery from the elections. The group, featuring Ramond Nat Turner, will appear in a free program at the Berkeley Public Library's Central Reading Room, 2090 Kittredge in downtown Berkeley at 8 p.m. Friday.

The five-member ensemble is rooted in the hard-hitting Langston Hughes and Charles Mingus collaborations of the '50s, with a contemporary spin toward the millennium.

Poet Turner is joined by spoken word artists Zigi Lowenberg, Richard Howell on saxophone, Freddie Williams on bass, and Babatunde on percussion.

The event is free.

## Whoopi at last lands a good one

By Renata Polt

Whoopi Goldberg is not one of those actresses who sits around pining for work. *Au contraire*. Every time you turn around, there's Whoopi in another movie. Which, so far as I'm concerned, is just fine. There's many a lame-brained film that Whoopi has saved, or at least made palatable. I guess the real question is why Goldberg chooses so many lame-brained scripts, since she seems to have her pick.

That's the long way of getting around to saying that her latest, *The Associate*, is one of the best pictures Goldberg has starred in some time. She's at her funniest playing tough, upwardly mobile characters rather than nannies or maids. Maybe it's type casting. Certainly there's nothing of the nanny or maid in Laurel Ayres, the financial analyst she plays in this comedy, directed by Donald Petrie (*Mystic Pizza*, *Grumpy Old Men*).

Adapted from a movie—apparently French—called *L'Associate*, which in turn was adapted from a novel—apparently Spanish-called *El Socio*, *The Associate* has come a long way. That's just what Laurel, its protagonist, has in mind for herself.

Bright, personable, full of dynamic ideas, she's nonetheless passed over for promotion by her supposed buddy, Frank (Tim Daly of *Diner* and the sitcom *Wings*). The reason? She's a woman, of course. The pecking order is



Laurel Ayres, Whoopi Goldberg play partners in 'The Associate.'

clear: The top is occupied by men; next come executive women like Laurel; at the bottom are "assistants" like Sally (Diane Wiest), Tim's secretary, who becomes Laurel's secretary after Laurel establishes her own company, using her one financial asset, an apartment house inherited from her father, as collateral.

But of course, as a woman, Laurel doesn't succeed in her own business any more than she did working for someone else. That's

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**More East Bay events****At Berkeley Rep**

Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents Terrence McNally's hilarious and touching *Love! Valour! Compassion!* The most honored play of the recent Broadway season, *Love! Valour! Compassion!* takes place at a lakeside country home where eight men hash out their passions, resentments and fears over the course of three summer weekends.

Directed by Warner Shook (artistic director of Intiman Theatre in Seattle), *Love! Valour! Compassion!* opened this week; it closes Friday, Jan. 3. This play contains nudity and adult themes, as well as frequent references to American musical theatre and modern dance choreography.

Tickets for *Love! Valour! Compassion!* are priced between \$30 and \$39, depending on the day of the week. Subscription and group discounts are available, as well as student and senior half-price RUSH tickets. A limited number of half-price tickets — "HotTix" — go on sale at noon Tuesday through Friday for that evening's performance. HotTix may be purchased by the general public with cash only.

Berkeley Rep is located at 2025 Addison St. For information or to

**Shakespeare**

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costume and makeup, and showing off in front of family and friends?

The kids' lives prepare them to understand the literature they're studying. Custody battles, rivalry over a lover, despair, and anger are experiences that many of the children are familiar with. So, while *Shakespeare's Children* appears to focus on the *children*, it's also about Shakespeare, whose works, though couched in language that many of today's children (and adults) find dauntingly

foreign, deal with emotions and experiences that haven't changed since the 16th century.

Interspersed in the documentary are scenes from the 1935 Max Reinhardt movie of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, starring James Cagney, Olivia de Havilland, and Mickey Rooney and, at the documentary's beginning and end, actor Kevin Kline's readings of Shakespeare's lines. Kline is acting teacher Kate Kline May's brother, and she's obviously as talented a teacher as he is an actor. She combines wheedling, en-

couragement, a tad of bullying, and plenty of empathy to coax real performances out her diverse group of students. And what a group they are! Anyone who could resist falling in love with these cuties has a serious case of cardiac inadequacy.

The obvious subtext of *Shakespeare's Children* is that studying and performing Shakespeare helps to alleviate the real problems of today's children — violence, broken families — as well as more timeless problems such as shyness and lack of moti-

vation. It's my own belief that any intensely participated activity, from sports to chamber music, drama club to the school paper, will help focus a kid's interests and abilities while instilling a sense of self-worth that will help overcome a host of real-life difficulties. Of course, these documents also include the benefit of learning the glories of language.

*Shakespeare's Children* plays once only, Sunday Nov. 10 at the Pacific Film Archive, 1111 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

**Whoopi**

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why she concocts a fictitious partner whom, inspired by a Scotch bottle label, she names Robert S. Cutty. With Laurel's ideas, Sally's behind-the-scenes savvy, and the elusive Mr. Cutty to lend the required touch of testosterone, the investment brokerage firm of Cutty Ayers shoots to the top of the Wall Street pyramid. *The Associate* tingles with energy, part

of it provided by the New York settings — New York at Christmastime, at that — but mostly due to the cast.

Goldberg is a powerhouse, especially when she's outraged. Nobody says "WHAT?!" like Whoopi Goldberg. Wiest, who's become as big as a tugboat, is deliciously sly. Starting out as a humble "assistant" always clad in the same lavender cardigan, she graduates to tailored suits and the

job to go with them. Austin Pendleton (*Guarding Tess*, *Searching for Bobby Fischer*) is a delightfully nerdy CEO. Eli Wallach plays a stock corporate giant.

And the film sure needs all this energy to compensate for two major shortcomings, both of which are obvious from the beginning.

First of all, the Wall Street community depicted in the film would have to be as dense as concrete never to question the existence of the Mr. Cutty who fails to make an appearance until three-quarters of the way through.

Secondly, all the film's actors take it for granted that Laurel's "glass ceiling" problem is caused by the fact that she's a woman. But — hello! — nobody notices that she's black?

The rather obvious fact is jaded to a couple of times, but not an issue. At least not an issue, and it certainly could be. Or maybe should be.

**Art supply show this weekend**

Amsterdam Art again will contribute funds to support art in the public schools thanks to the proceeds from the Art Materials Tools of the Trade Show being held this weekend in San Francisco.

More than 60 manufacturers will demonstrate their wares, and the show will feature classes, workshops, discounts on art materials, door prizes and celebrity artists. Watercolorist Tom Lynch, of PBS TV's *The Magic of Watercolor* and *Fun With Watercolor*, will be on hand to conduct workshops.

Demonstrations of candlemaking, rubber stamping, polymer clay jewelry making, origami and face painting are some

of the highlights, and local artists will have their work on display and for sale. Proceeds will benefit "Art Supplies for Kids," Amsterdam Art's program which for the past three years has provided more than \$125,000 in art supplies to school teachers.

The event is at Fort Mason's Herbst Pavilion on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 649-4800.

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Fairmount at San Pablo Avenues, Bill Morrow, Manager and staff, will be hosting the November 14 Membership Mixer, 5 to 7 p.m., at the branch. Mixers allow members and guests the opportunity to become better acquainted with one another, to share ideas of interest, to make new contacts for business and to enjoy. RSVP is not required but helpful in the planning, 233-7040.

The first annual October Fiesta is now behind us and the general consensus is that it was smashing success, with thanks mainly to the generosity of many people and lots of hard work by several of

our members and of course, to those attending.

Special thanks goes to The Mechanics Bank, PetVet/petfood, East Bay Sanitary Company, and the West County Times for co-sponsoring the event with the chamber and to the PG&E Company and Honda of El Cerrito for providing additional financial support, and a big vote of thanks for cooperation of the management and merchants of the El Cerrito Plaza for hosting this event. Also deserving of our gratitude are the many fine restaurants, The White Knight Restaurant, the Silver Dollar

Restaurant, Fidel's Mexican Restaurant; Sweis's Gyros and Pitas; Strings Italian Cafe, offering fine examples of items from their menus, and the craftspeople participating along with all the youngsters and adults who gave so willingly of their time to entertain the "Fiesta-goers." Also appreciated was the display of the fine art work of the El Cerrito Art Association, adding to the festivities.

OUR sincere appreciation also goes to Family Fair and Hills Publications for doing such a great job in producing a special tabloid supplement promoting the



Andrea Imada, Pat Malaiula, Theresa Markert and Bill Morrow of the El Cerrito branches to the Mechanics Bank Kiddie Games Booth at the October Fiesta.

City-Wide Fall Round-Up Sales Days event, which was in conjunction with the Fiesta.

Finally, gratitude to the Fiesta Committee consisting of chamber members Gary Wong;

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"My mother prepares the items," said Albert Chung, "then my father creates the dishes." Chung's parents, Su Luan and Ying Chi Chung's teamwork delivers dishes that are executed well with particular attention to detail. While other restaurateurs shop for chicken and pork, Su Luan, who incidentally returned to Taiwan to study this form of cooking, creates these items with such ingredients as soy or tofu. Ying Chi, then takes Su Luan's items and, with special ancient seasonings, prepares the dish. The likeness in texture and taste is incredible.

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Rick Braun Band at Yoshi's Nitespot...Dana Hubbard and the Delta Twisters Friday and Jim Campilongo and the 10 Gallon Cats Saturday at the Baltic...Lady Margaret & the Gentlemen Friday and Ron Thompson and the Resistors Saturday at Eli's Mile High Club...Spiney Norman Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...George Glover Tuesday through Saturday at Maestro's San Ramon...Wendy Dewitt and Blue Saloon Friday and The David Landau Band Saturday at Brennan's...Greg Brown Friday, Martin Sexton and Vance Gilbert Saturday and Robin & Linda Williams Sunday at Freight & Salvage.

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## Grant

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to accomplish the program's goals, thus leaving the city with \$32,675.

Councilmember Elizabeth Baker began what turned out to be a long and at-times uncomfortable series of questions directed toward Palmini and Tanya Chalupa, Chief Operator's program coordinator. Murdo was at a crime-prevention meeting and did not arrive until the session was well underway.

Baker asked how much time Chalupa would spend earning her \$30,000 salary and what exactly she would do, then questioned a stipulation in the grant which requires the city to match the \$100,000.

Chalupa, however, said the money could be matched by food coupons donated by Taco Bell, for example, and by in-kind donations of her own and Murdo's time. She also said that if the funds were not matched, "nothing" would happen to the city.

Baker, however, was skeptical. "If we're voting on it, it seems to me the city's taking on the obligation to raise this money," she said.

Councilmembers Bruce Mast and Thelma Rubin joined in, questioning the benefits to the city and the necessity of continuing the program. Rubin asked Palmini if he could continue giving shows at Albany schools without the \$100,000, to which Palmini responded he could not. She then cast her eye on the \$32,000 which would apparently be left over.

"No wonder we're in such a bad spot," Rubin said. "There's something odd about that."

Mast was also somewhat less than thrilled with the grant, and said his time on the Youth Task Force lead him to believe there was work the police should do

locally in terms of improving relations with Albany teens.

"I guess I'm concerned that it's a fine program but that it shouldn't be our highest priority at this point," he said.

The meeting was then joined by Murdo, who told the council that so long as the department met its goals as set forth in the grant, any left over money would be the city's to keep. He also said the \$100,000 match would come from in kind time donated by himself and from time already budgeted under the city's DARE program, among other sources.

"I'm confused about the creative financing (in the grant proposal)," Baker said. "I just have to say I find that really troubling."

The few audience members who commented on the matter also spoke against the grant. "I'm a little skeptical of the overall costs of this project," said City Council candidate Jon Ely.

Albany resident Bob Outis even went so far as to question the program's results, saying there was nothing to support a cause-and-effect relationship between Chief Operator and a 19 percent drop in traffic-related injuries and fatalities among teens during the its three years of existence.

"I'm very saddened to hear people talk so disparagingly about a project which is embraced nationwide," said a growingly dejected Murdo. "The project was a success."

Only Council member Bob Good supported the grant, citing the program's history and the apparent lack of financial burden to the city. He cast the sole "No" in a 3-1 vote which directed Mast to work with

Murdo to address the council's concerns.

As of press time, many of the questions by Monday night remained unanswered. According to OTS, the \$54,000 in salary and benefits paid Palmini spending 75 percent of his time on the city and Clemons 25 percent. According to Murdo, the two would spend an average of 4.5 hours a week, Murdo said he was unaware that such a significant amount of man-hours, equivalent to one full-time sergeant, was required by the grant.

Murphy also said in-kind donations of time would not count as matching funds, and would contact the police department about the matter.

Chalupa, who wrote the grant, blamed City Administrator Daren Fields for not correcting the problems. "Nobody came to me and said there was a flaw," she said.

Fields said he did point out the problem to who gave the same answer he gave the council. Police Chief is an elected official," Fields said. "He does not report to me and he can do what he wants."

Murdo maintained the integrity of his calculations, saying unpaid reserve officer time and money budgeted for the anti-drug program would match the \$100,000.

He also said the department does not normally leave grant money to use as it pleases, and would work with Mast to resolve the issue.

"You know what's really said is that we all know what it's about," said a profoundly shaken Murphy. "I was hurt that (the council) would do something that would touch so many kids."

## School

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"That's where it will stay. We want to end up as a school of 480 kids on two campuses. That's the way the school works best for us."

According to Heinrich, once the merger is complete, a committee will undertake long-range planning for the new school on both campuses. He expects that a master plan for development will be submitted to the city within 12 to 18 months but emphasized that "there will be no deviation in the enrollment plan."

As for construction, there is now no construction proposed for the former Sierra site as there was at one point when Sierra had planned to offer its own middle school.

At the Prospect site, three portable classrooms have been proposed to address the maximum transitional enrollment. No permanent construction is proposed at the present time, though Phillips said an approval of the schools' application does imply an acceptance in concept that the needs of the permanent enrollment will eventually be addressed.

"I guess they have some options," he said. "They could build new classroom space or move some non-classroom use out of existing classroom space. It will be up to them to decide if they can do it without new construction."

"We don't want to stay as portables," Heinrich said. "Prospect currently has 167 students, and they pretty much use all their classrooms, though they use them lightly."

With the additional students and the 240 permanent enrollment figure, Heinrich suspects the school will "need at least two permanent classrooms" eventually. In addition, he said, there may be need for a building for "musical and movement instruction."

None of those decisions have been made nor the ideas endorsed by the board of the new school, he said.

## Plaza

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its parking area) and the gas station. John Pentz has the option on the Emporium building.

Neither side is expected to easily give up their properties. If a fair price cannot be negotiated, the Agency will have to decide whether to exercise its condemnation authority or to wait for some later time to see any real change at the Plaza. An exercise of eminent domain authority would involve the courts and could take months or even years.

Dorian Bilak, for example, has told merchants and professional tenants at the Plaza that his plan will be the quickest for them, "if all goes smoothly." He intends to leave most tenants where they are, while Wal-Mart buys and razes the Emporium property, then builds a store that will likely provide a major regional draw to the center.

Neither Bilak nor Wal-Mart has an option on that property, however. (Bilak unsuccessfully negotiated with Federated Department stores for the site last year.) Pentz has made a proposal for the entire Plaza; his first phase would include a re-use of the Emporium building, which would house several major businesses.

"Redevelopment of the rest of the site is vital to us because the rest of the site is of substantially less quality than what we're bringing in," said Gary Mull, representing Penske. "We'll bring something immediate to the site (in renovating the Emporium building for retail use) that will provide what for everybody else is a second phase."

Agency member Gina Brusatori commented that Carter Hawley Hale's upgrades, costing "millions," and Lucky's "bursting at the seams" success has occurred, from her viewpoint, "only to find out that the Plaza as a unit is still as dysfunctional as ever." In response, a member of the Pentz development team said, "I think that's where the Redevelopment Agency comes into play."

He went on to say that "the financing is out there to (rehabilitate and redo the Plaza), but no one has any control over the remaining property."

Neither the Pentz team nor the Bilak team gave any indication that they would be willing to negotiate a sale of their properties.

While extended condemnation and acquisition proceedings won't be good news for Plaza merchants, who want something to happen fast so they can stay in business, they may be comforted to some

Heinrich also addressed the reason for the merger.

"Both public and private schools are reconfiguring, changing from 7th and 8th or 7th through 9th to 6th through 8th. For our families, if their kids are going to be accepted into a middle school, either independent or public, they will want to take them out after fifth grade.

"Both our schools were in danger of losing our sixth grades. With the merger, we end up with a K through 8 instead of two K through 5's, and this is something our families wanted anyway, a nine-year educational program, with only one transition, between 8th and 9th."

In addition, he said, the school may be in a better position both financially and educationally because of its new, larger size.

Both Heinrich and Prospect director Leo Gaspardone agree that the school will become stronger because of the change.

"I'm very excited about the merger because it's going to bring together the best of both schools...." Gaspardone said. "It creates something that has a synergistic impact, in which the sum of the parts is greater than the parts themselves."

"The potential for creating a quite extraordinary school is here," he went on to say. "We're laying the groundwork for that."

Gaspardone is making his own contribution toward that goal. He will serve as chair of the board of the new school from July 1 of 1997 to June 30 of 1999. After 30 years in both public and private school administration, he was ready to retire. He agreed to stay on a year longer than planned in order "to be a resource to make this (project) work to the best of our ability...."

Gaspardone sees the project as one with potential to "implement educational ideas that might be on the cutting edge of school organization," particularly as the combination of the 5th through 8th grades is concerned.

"This allows for the creation of community allocation of resources over four years," he said.

According to Heinrich, the merger should smooth one from a philosophical standpoint.

"We are very compatible educationally." "There are differences in style, since private schools only exist as they are different from one another."

But the "teachers get along well," as do the administrators who have been putting this together since last May."

There are many details to be addressed, including the merging of curriculum and the division of teachers and staff. He does not expect to any staff or faculty members; he believes new teachers will be created.

"We have wonderful teachers; we hope they stay on board," said Heinrich, who sees the merger process as an "exciting" one — "internally complicated and creative."

Under the city's use permit and design a procedure, the schools' application will be heard by the Planning Commission and the Design Board. Phillips said the planning department is preparing a negative declaration for environmental review. (In other words, expected impacts from changeover are not believed to warrant a full environmental impact study.)

The city is having a traffic study done as regard projected impacts of increased enrollment at Tapscott site, he said.

The application has a tentative hearing date by the Planning Commission December 4.

Following that meeting, the Design Review Board will look at the proposed design and siting of schools' plan. Unless their decision is appealed, Planning Commission and Design Review Board will have the final say on the project.

moving, even to a different, upgraded location in Plaza, doesn't appeal to him.

"Maybe I'm looking at this from a personal point, but we've been in this store for 36 years," said. "We have our own tailor shop; just moving merchandise and getting a new store set up with fixtures and racks (is unattractive). And it's not us. Look at V.G. White's. He's got a vault and a security system in his store."

"When this all started out, (Bilak's plan) was best from the standpoint of timing," Foley said. "maybe that's lengthened, with all the practical needs in (acquiring) the property."

"I'd still go with his because of its stress on present residents here."

Agency members are anxious that the shopping center's future not be encumbered by an REA operates as in the past. Jane Barke asked to potential developer their plans for ownership the most part, the developers have set single ownership as the ultimate goal (again, perhaps excluding Long's); some, like Bilak, will approach a phased manner.

## Agreement

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important first step" while recognizing that they still much negotiating to be done.

Hudson called the agreement a "tremendous improvement" in relations between the two agencies. "I really think the two agreements will be beneficial to all three entities and to the community," he said.

The proposed school has been a sore spot many around town in recent months, with some complaining about potential traffic impacts on surrounding neighborhood and others about a missed opportunity to restore a portion of the creek District officials have said they do not have funding or inclination to fully restore the creek which runs through site at Cougar Field. The city has, however, agreed to hold aside a portion of the creek site bordering Spokane Avenue for restoration efforts.

The middle school was also a major topic during the race for City Council and the Board of Education. The five-member board will find itself with two new faces after Tuesday's election are finalized, while the council could have up to three new members.

## Martin Snapp

**The Day After:** Remember a movie called *The Candidate*? Berkeley's Jeremy Larner won a well-deserved Oscar for writing the screenplay. The final scene showed the candidate (played by Robert Redford) at the moment of victory. But the only thing he can think to do is turn to his campaign handlers and ask, "What do we do now?"

That's how I feel about Tuesday's schizoid election results. Let me see if I've got this straight: We reelected Clinton to protect us from the Republican Congress, and we reelected the Republican Congress to protect us from Clinton. To quote the late Mo Udall, "The people have spoken — the bastards!"

Clinton didn't make things any clearer by running a virtually issue-less, Reagan-style "It's Morning in America"-type campaign. Sure he has a mandate — but to do what? More V-chips? Better-designed school uniforms? If this is the Bridge to the 21st century, I'd rather dog-paddle across.

Let's give the guy his due — the Comeback Kid has done it again. Two years ago, he was dead meat. Now he's on top of the world.

Trouble is, his whole history has been one big roller-coaster ride. He may have a genius for resurrecting himself, but he also has a genius for getting himself in hot water. Two years from now, he'll probably be dead meat again. Don't forget, there are some nasty scandals still waiting around the corner — Whitewater, Filegate, and the Indonesian fund-raising imbroglio.

To quote that noted political philosopher, Margo Channing, "Hang on to your hats. It's going to be a bumpy ride."

Meanwhile, the biggest puzzle of the campaign was whatever happened to the real Bob Dole? I saw him in person in the Senate a few years ago. He was in his element, and it showed. He spoke well, he looked great, and he exuded total mastery of the situation.

None of that was evident this year — that is, until he gave his concession speech Tuesday night. He looked like his old self, and it was his best speech of the campaign. He was funny, gracious, and totally at peace with himself.

If only he'd been that way during the campaign — instead of listening to handlers who made him embrace a tax cut he really never believed in — the election might have been a different story.

And lest you think Dole was the worst candidate the Republicans ever ran, just remember George Bush. Dan Quayle may not be able to spell, but Bush can't count. Take this speech he gave on election eve: "Here are a couple of words for you to think about — duty, honor, country."

My other favorite quotes from the campaign: Clinton advisor Mac McLarty, talking about a pair of Democratic fund-raisers, both of them named John Huong, who have been named in the Indonesian money scandal: "Two Huongs don't make a right."

PBS anchor Jim Lehrer to analyst Mark Shields: "Who do you think will win the New Hampshire primary in 2000?"

Unfortunately, elections aren't as much fun as they used to be. It isn't just the mean-spiritedness; heck, I grew up in the McCarthy era. Now that was mean-spirited!

What gets me down is the generic quality. When I voted on Tuesday, my polling place was a public building. (In my case, the Berkeley Police Department.) And all the election workers were complete strangers, hired for the day.

Back when I was a kid, the polling place was located in someone's home — namely, mine. Everyone on the block came to vote in our garage.

And instead of strangers, the election officials were my mom and all the other moms in the neighborhood.

In the evening, all the dads would get off work and join their wives. (Those were the days when family could still live on one income.) My mom would order in a plate of cold cuts from the local deli, and they'd have a ballot-counting party.

They'd pair off: one Democrat and one Republican. My mom, who was the most liberal Democrat on the block, usually paired up with our neighbor, Mr. Gerry, who was the most conservative Republican.

One pair would count the presidential votes, another pair would count the congressional votes, another would count the ballot measures, and so on.

It was a wonderful civics lesson for a young kid like me. I learned that the ritual of voting was as important as who won or lost. It was a secular sacrament, when we and our neighbors reaffirmed our commitment to each other and to our democracy.

I also learned that even though we were Democrats and Mr. Gerry and his family were Republicans, they were still our friends before they were anything else.

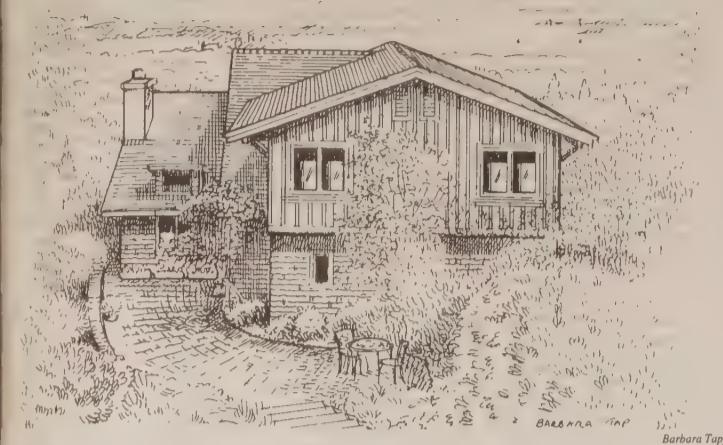
For the record, I'm a Democrat, just like my parents.

But you know who Dole reminded me of Tuesday night? Mr. Gerry.

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# REAL ESTATE

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Custom stained glass windows, oak cabinets and a fireplace with a hand-carved mantle complement this Craftsman-style home in Berkeley currently on the market.

## Craftsman-style home on 'stage'

A flautist played as music billowed up the meadows of Stonewall Cappuccinos, accompanied by the *Wall Street Journal*, adorned a small table, while crusty breads, persimmons, pomegranates, and wildflower arrangements created warmth and beauty in other parts of

the home.

"It's like being set in your own private woods," says Judith Glass, Realtor for Mason McDuffie. Glass and her partner, Sheila Sabine—agents for this showcase property who have worked their staging magic to accent the beauty of the

property at 133 Stonewall Road in Berkeley, designed by local architect Ben Tarcher.

Presentation, or staging, is what Sabine and Glass do best. The team works with sellers to make their homes stand out from the competition by creating an atmosphere of

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Patrick now owns a home with over 1,500 sq. ft. of living space, a large yard, 10' high ceilings, refinished hardwood floors, and a spacious kitchen with a breakfast nook. If you want an agent that will find you a home that fulfills your needs, contact Michael Lauth at (510) 527-3382 ext. 174, email: [mikelauth@juno.com](mailto:mikelauth@juno.com)



Patrick Scannell



Michael Lauth

### Agent of the Week - Michael Lauth

"The purchase of real estate is an important decision in one's life. Each and every client of mine is given the utmost care and attention to make their transaction smooth and enjoyable." — Michael Lauth

Michael is married and lives in the Oakland hills where he grew up. He and his wife Sheryl had their first child, Cameron Alexander, last May. He received his education at St. Theresa's Grammar School, Bishop O'Dowd High School and U.C. Berkeley.

Michael has over 10 years of sales experience during which time he developed his philosophy of providing quality service and accountability to clients. He is energetic and enthusiastic when assisting his clients in achieving their real estate goals.

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## Home...

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beauty and peace. As virtual interior designers, Sabine and Glass' staging services include everything from bringing in pieces of furniture, to creating flower arrangements or pieces of art for the tables or walls. Their fee: no charge.

"I do this work because it makes prospective buyers feel welcome giving them a sense of the home's potential. Every home has a personality, especially here at Stonewall. It's our job to work with clients and ask: 'What's beautiful? What's great and where are the problems?' And then do something really creative," says Sabine. "Not only do homes sell quickly, but it's not unusual for multiple offers to come in for over the asking price."

The team's approach to staging centers on three principles: See, Simplicity and Select. "We walk

into a house and try to see it for what it really is—the bones of the house. We then see what we can do to simplify the surroundings, after which, we begin selecting pieces that will make the buyers say 'Wow!'"

Sabine and Glass set the stage from the very first open house. In order to give potential buyers the most accurate sense of the home, Tarcher was on hand for the first two open houses to answer questions and share specifics.

Sabine and Glass transformed the once barren boy's room into what Sabine calls magical setting. "We brought in beautiful paper fans, gold umbrellas and transparent drapes. We set up the Scrabble Board to read, 'Beautiful Home.'"

However, the team's promotional efforts have moved far beyond staging. In order to entice potential buyers to tour this Craftsman showcase, Sabine and Glass have set up what they call "spon-

ting and collectibles, and is available at all Berkeley and Albany libraries, community centers, city halls and chambers of commerce. To receive one in the mail, Berkeley residents call 644-8856; Albany residents should call 528-5760.

## 'We brought in paper fans and gold umbrellas. We set up the Scrabble board to read, Beautiful Home.'

-- SHEILA SABINE

taneous Open Houses" to coincide with Cal football games or with local home and craft tours. "We want as many people as possible to see this truly amazing home," adds Glass.

And now that the chill of fall is here, Sabine and Glass have added an additional incentive—a free trip for two to Hawaii for the lucky buyers, if the home is in escrow by November 30. "We're convinced that we'll find just the right person very soon. If you know anyone who is interested, let us know and we'll deliver a fresh pineapple with an invitation!"

For more information, or to tour the home, call Sheila Sabine at Piedmont's Mason McDuffie office at 428.0900 or her voice mail at 644-5412.

## Tarcher...

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In 1993, Opre Wilson and Laura Straka bought the house. "We were looking for a view and seclusion," Straka recalls.

The Claremont Regional Preserve borders the home which boasts unobstructed bay views.

When Wilson and Straka decided to make a few renovations, they brought back one of the original artisans in order to remain true to

the original aesthetic of the home. Cabinets were crafted for the kitchen and a new bathroom.

They converted a room, originally intended to be a wine cellar, into a master suite and in the process, gave the house a new bedroom.

From its inception, Benjamin Tarcher and Associates has specialized in professional architecture, landscape architecture and land planning design practice—three key areas of expertise that turned this 1979 project into a showcase.

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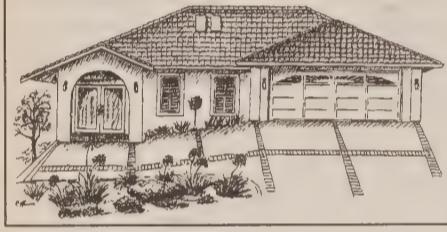
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## Plastering, 'intensives' at BEC

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On Saturday, Nov. 9, BEC will offer the workshop: "Interior Plastering: Hands-On" with designer Art Guerrero, and Glen Kitzinger's Homeowner's Essential

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This is the first session of BEC's annual six-Saturday (Nov. 9 to Dec. 14) intensive course.

Bring your own tool box on Sunday, Nov. 10 as carpenter Leanne Gustafson presents "Carpentry Basics for Women."

The center offers a special

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Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

## A project, a dream and then fulfillment

*Number 170 is a series of true experiences in real estate.*

We like this man, a buyer who knows what he wants, can afford to buy it, will recognize it when he sees it. He will buy a house.

Michael Studebaker sits with us and talks. He's in his thirties, tall and good looking—the kind of guy who was always class president.

He tells us that he grew up in Sacramento, came to Berkeley to go to school. He majored in business at Cal with a minor in art history. He talks about one course he took, a project in which he had to choose a house to study.

He drove around Berkeley looking for his subject, until one, a house on Glen Avenue, "glared out at me." He knocked at the door and explained his visit, said he would need to get inside, probably a number of times, learn the history of the house, measure it and draw a floor plan. The owners agreed.

It's a very large house, three floors, a Craftsman-style shingle with an appealing blend of architectural styles.

The original owner who had built it after losing his house in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire, had included all the favorite features from a house plan book.

Michael loves that house. He loved hearing the stories about the house and the family that still lives there.

He taped each room, then drew the plans—had to go back again and again to measure and get everything right. He looked at city records, got the site plan, talked to the neighbors, studied the way the house is laid out and how its pieces were put together.

He tells us all about parts of it, the back stairwell, for example, used by the Irish servants who would cook the meals and retire to attic quarters unseen.

"While I was working on the house, I thought that nothing could be better than living in that work of art. The people who grew up

there had the advantage of living in it," Michael says. "It was just normal for them. I was envious."

Michael grew up in a different kind of house, a suburban tract house. "People probably don't expect to live in tract houses all their lives," he says, then stops for a moment before going on.

"Well maybe some do but tract houses weren't built to be beautiful things. In the Glen house, 80 years later, the things that were beautiful are still beautiful."

Michael graduated from Cal and took a job as a bicycle messenger. ("It looked like fun and it was"), later starting his own messenger service, Studebaker Messenger. It looked like he was here to stay. Time now to buy.

This was the first time we'd met but we'd talked on the phone some weeks before. He's followed our advice to the letter.

Before telling us what he wanted to buy, he'd talked to a mortgage broker, completed a loan application, knew what he could afford.

Now he was handing us his plan, neatly put down on paper. We had never seen anything like it.

"I'm looking for a structurally sound, yet cosmetically challenged two or three bedroom home in Rockridge, east of College Avenue.

"I plan to buy in the next 90 days, and within five years, I hope to realize a 25 percent increase in property value with the improvements I make. The home is not a major league fixer but is definitely a project."

There were other requirements: a relatively new roof, original hardwood floors intact, spacious room proportions, natural light, off-street parking. He had highlighted on the map perhaps 15 streets where the house might be located.

By amazing chance we had just listed a house that seemed to fit Michael's criteria. We were showing it for the first time the following day, so naturally we told him about it.

This house, located on one of



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Michael's preferred streets, was built in 1910, has a decent roof and foundation. But every surface inside and out requires attention. It is definitely a project.

We do not handle both sides of a sale, so we gave Michael the name of another agent just in case it turned out he wanted to buy the house.

As he toured the house along with a lot of other people, he didn't talk about what he was thinking. We couldn't tell if he was overwhelmed by the needed repairs or was simply planning how he would make them.

Because the home is located in a very popular area, there was a lot of activity, in spite of its condition. We estimated that 300 people toured the house in the few days it was on the market.

Many who saw it were discouraged. "It's a lifetime project," we heard more than once. And "It would take \$100,000 to fix it."

Still five buyers made offers, including Michael. He got it. His was not the highest offer. He won because he was ready and committed.

Before offering to buy, he had done inspections, had become familiar with the work that the house would require, was comfortable with taking it on.

He was preapproved for a loan. And he had taken the time to write a letter to the sellers telling them why he wanted to buy the house—a message that was well received.

Michael is very excited. We are excited for him. Soon he will be living in the old house, restoring it to "the kind of house," he says "that takes everyone in and makes them feel good."

Anet Tarhoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

## JUST LISTED

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631 Mountain Blvd.  
Offered at \$599,000  
Listed by Judy Farrell



6066 Aspinwall Road  
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Listed by Jackie Carter

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Gorgeous, Updated  
In the heart of North Berkeley, 2 blocks to UC. Magnificently updated 1BR, 1BA plus office. Very private. Lg deck. Ury 527-8545



Country Quiet Bay View Home!  
4BR, 2BA hm in Montclair hills. Vaulted ceilings, view windows, fam rm with wet bar, FDR, hdwd flrs, AEK with brfst nook, skylights, alarm system, 2 frpls. Tim 800-268-4123 ext. 2131



What A Great Buy!  
Spanking clean duplex with short distance to North Berkeley, BART & shopping. 3BR & 2BR units, hardwood floors. Nice backyard & deck. Fee 526-0900



Brand New Large Duet Home  
Small duet price. Almost 2,000 sq ft, 700 sq ft master suite, bay windows, tile floor, 2-car garage, 3-BR, 2BA. Mike 235-1708  
\$179,000



20 Steps To Solano  
Spacious 3BR, 1BA. Great potential. Fam rm, dining rm, garage, hdwd flrs, only a few steps to Solano. Over 1,200 sq. ft. 526-1200  
\$220,000

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Very Nice Home in N&E  
Captivating living room with cathedral ceiling. Formal dining room. Ury 527-8545  
\$139,950

Remarkable  
Unbelievable cond, great location. 4BR, landscaped yard with patio. 2-car garage, workshop. Fee 526-0900  
\$167,500

Best Northside Location  
Luxurious penthouse with bay view. 3BR/2BA, exquisite kitchen, hdwd floors, 1,667 sq ft, 1 block to UC. Ury 527-8545  
\$325,000

Immaculate & Spacious Home  
Captivating living room with cathedral beamed ceiling. FDR & refn. hdwd floors. James 644-5212  
\$211,000

Selling Moving Out of Area  
Open beamed ceilings, nice carpet, wood burning fppl, covered patio & much more! 526-1200  
\$139,999

*It's the Experience! It's the Experience! It's the Experience!*

Emeryville Loft 3 Levels!  
Last loft available at the Christie Ave. Commons. 8 skylts, 1,511 sq ft, cstm blt. Hurry! Bill 420-1963  
\$205,000

Great Neighborhood! Location!  
Hills view, cute bungalow, remod kit & bath, new roof, paint, carpet, move right in. Garage, fruit trees, a gem! Fee 526-0900  
\$159,500

Income Property Deal  
(4)-1BR units, South Berkeley, lots of parking, central heat, close to shop & trans. Lots of potential. Mark 528-6212  
\$169,500

West Berkeley - Good Vibes!  
Special private, exc. cond. & improvement. Very "Berkeley" hdwd flrs, sunny deck, close to shops - upcoming area. Mike 235-1708  
\$164,900

Former Model Home!!  
4BR/3BA with many dramatic features. Over 3,500 sq ft of beautiful living. Formal dining, panoramic view. Tim 800-268-4123 x 2181  
\$429,950

Two for the Price of One!  
Live in one, rent the other! Large 2BR in front, 1BR, 1BA in rear. Frml dining, fam rm, 24-hour hotline. Tim 800-268-4123 x 2181  
\$199,950

Unique Opportunity  
Beautiful 5BD/4BA home in the process of being built - 2-story with view of woods. 526-1200  
\$399,000

Please Check This One Out!  
Perfectly lovely home w/remod. kitchen & 2BA. Master suite with onyx jacuzzi. Open Sun, 24-hr hotline. Tim 800-268-4123 x 2181  
\$189,950

Splendidly Custom Throughout!  
4BR/2BA, exquisite home on a large secluded lot. Remodeled throughout. Modern kitchen, deck w/spa, office. Tim 800-268-4123 x 2181  
\$379,000

6.99 Fixed Rate  
Lg almost new elegant home. Marble bath, slate roof, rock trim, huge master ste. 3BR/2.5BA. Seller pays closing cost. Mike 235-1708  
\$167,500

7 LA SALLE AVENUE, Open Sunday 2-4:30. 3+BR, 3BA, 3,100 sq. ft.! Large spacious rooms, good separation of spaces. Mary Montali 848-3097  
\$365,000

1005 EVERETT STREET, Open Sunday 2-4. PRISTINE STARTER HOME. REDUCED for quick sale! Really special! Double garage, many extras! Move-in condition! Susie Schevill ext. 144  
\$187,500

SERENITY & PRIVACY. Casual & elegant. 4/2.5, separate office & more. Ron Egherman ext. 127  
\$425,000

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29 CHANCELLOR PLACE, Open Sunday 2-4. Contemporary Masterpiece 3BR, office, den, 3.5BA, gourmet kitchen! Spectacular views! Bebe McRae ext. 145  
\$895,000

2727 CLAREMONT BLVD. Open Sunday 2-4. Rattcliff home near park. 3+BR/2++BA. Loads of space. Faye Keogh ext. 126  
\$825,000

PANORAMIC BAY VIEWS! 4BR office, fam Rm, 3 full baths, gourmet kitchen. Bebe McRae ext. 145  
\$780,000

A CLAREMONT PROPERTY. Secluded in the Palms: Elegant paneling, spacious kitchen, dining terrace, views, vistas & an in-law. Paul Templeton ext. 131  
\$625,000

677 SANTA BARBARA. Open Sunday 2-4:30 4+BR, 3BA Mediterranean in best location. SF/GG views. Gourmet kitchen with deck & private level yard. X-large lot. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124  
\$625,000

VIEW, VIEW, VIEW! Fine new Claremont Heights craftsman with serene and sweeping panorama. 4+BR/2.5BA. Gini Erck ext. 133  
\$530,000

LANDMARK ROCKRIDGE ENGLISH. An extraordinary new price for an extraordinary view home... 5BR, 3BA, billiard room. Gini Erck ext. 133  
\$695,000

5681 OAK GROVE @ COLLEGE. Wonderful 4BR, 2.5BA remodeled Craftsman. MBS, lots of wood. Jan Fougner ext. 138  
\$369,000

4686 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE. Open Sunday 2-4. Country living over 1/2 acre. Big 4BR level home. Pool, orchard. A rare find! Leslie Easterday ext. 134  
\$280,000

2328 CURTIS STREET. Best Buyl 3/2, gd flr plan, spaces, yard. Lots of light A. Van Dyke ext. 142  
\$195,000

1435 WAR STREET. 2BR/1BA + rec room. Probate fixer. Faye Keogh ext. 126  
\$115,000

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400 WAYNE AVENUE. Open Sunday 2-4:30. Handsome & economical new condos with gorgeous views of Lake Merritt. 2BR/2BA, balconies, fully equipped. Ron Egherman ext. 127  
\$155,000 to \$175,000

610 JEAN STREET. Open Sunday 2-4:30. Sophisticated new condominiums near Rose Garden. 2BR/2BA, hdwd flrs, firepl, balconies & lovely vistas. Ron Egherman ext. 127  
\$185,000-\$210,000

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**ALAMEDA**  
 18 Breault Ct \$230,000  
 1107 Broadway \$169,000  
 1810 Central, 1307 \$159,500  
 115 Centre Ct. \$205,000  
 39 Cork Rd. \$325,000  
 1117 Fontana Dr. \$182,500  
 2660 Jackson St. \$190,500  
 2426 Lincoln Ave. \$90,000  
 338 Pacific Ave. \$192,000  
 2412 Roosevelt Dr. \$160,000  
 317 Sunset Rd. \$228,000  
 618 Tarryton Isle \$400,000

**ALBANY**  
 1515 Francis St. \$175,000  
 829 Kains Ave. \$204,000

**BERKELEY**  
 1904 8th St. \$149,500  
 78 Avenida Dr. \$205,000  
 1337 California St. \$277,000  
 18 Cl'mont Crescent \$450,000  
 1643 Derby St. \$110,000  
 2802 Garber St. \$430,000  
 1404 Henry #4 \$148,000  
 942 Hildale Ave. \$165,000  
 2669 Le Conte Ave. \$373,000  
 1546 Le Roy Ave. \$604,000  
 924 Mendocino \$847,000  
 1301 Peralta \$222,000  
 2828 Piedmont \$329,000  
 2642 Regent #1 \$132,000  
 2411 Roosevelt Ave. \$270,000  
 1849 Shattuck #202 \$109,500

**OAKLAND**  
 3047 Wheeler St. \$165,000  
**EL SOBRANTE**  
 5552 Cerro Norte \$208,000  
 1157 Kelvin Rd. \$180,000

**EMERYVILLE**  
 4 Admiral, 435 \$100,000

**KENSINGTON**  
 227 Trinity Ave. \$320,000

**PIEDMONT**  
 554 Blair Ave. \$835,000  
 90 Sea View Ave. \$3,000,000  
 152 Wildwood Ave. \$337,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
 2111 T'falgar Pl. \$221,000  
 5516 Vicente Way \$159,000  
 1220 Westview Dr. \$470,000  
 7211 Wild Currant \$260,000  
 1827 Woodhaven \$175,000

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**ALAMEDA**  
 TOTAL SALES: 12  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$400,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$210,958

**ALBANY**  
 TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$204,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$189,500

**EMERYVILLE**  
 TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$100,000

**KENSINGTON**  
 TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$320,000

**OAKLAND**  
 TOTAL SALES: 28  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$95,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$481,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$239,142

**PIEDMONT**  
 TOTAL SALES: 3  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$337,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$3,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$1,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 20  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$88,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$24,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,000

**SAN LORENZO**  
 TOTAL SALES: 1  
 PRICE: \$127,000

*This list was recorded by Hills Publications, Inc. of Walnut Creek, obtained monthly records from county recorder's office, company guarantees accuracy of the information. Sales prices are estimated upon applicable county taxes.*

**Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity**

Court (18 homes) by the end of 1996 and begin construction on the East Court (22 homes) in 1997.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity homes are built in partnership with Habitat homeowners and volunteers from the community.

East Bay Habitat is building a total of 40 homes at the 105th Avenue building site 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

Habitat relies on volunteer labor, financial contributions and donated materials to keep Habitat homes affordable for low and very

low income Bay Area families.

In lieu of a down payment, Habitat family invests at least 300 hours of sweat equity into the construction of their home or the home of other Habitat homeowners.

Families buy their homes through zero-interest mortgages. Habitat then receives mortgage payments to build Habitat homes.



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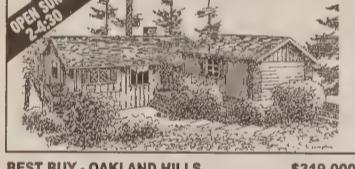
**SIGNIFICANT, SPECIAL, UNIQUE** \$1,450,000  
 A rare opportunity to acquire one of Oakland's premier estates: a paragon of perfection! 4+BR, 4+BA, grand spaces, extravagant kitchen, land, views!

D. C. HODGES 339-8400



**STYLISH NEW SPANISH HOME.** \$625,000  
 Piedmont Pines. Pretty private setting for this exceptional 3 bedroom with separate den & spacious kitchen & family room. Superb quality & fine features.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400



**BEST BUY - OAKLAND HILLS** \$319,000  
 Custom ranch w/3BR, 3BA. Beautiful front yard. Large eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, some hardwood floors under carpet, remodeled lower level w/FR/rumpus/bedroom/baths/tons of storage, living room w/fireplace. 2369 Thackeray Dr.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



**FUSSY BUYER'S DREAM** \$469,000  
 New construction, 3BR, 3.5BA in Upper Rockridge. Gorgeous family room/kitchen combo w/granite counters/tpc/hwdw flrs. Frml DR, huge sunken living room w/many windows/high ceilings. Great yard w/lawn area. Two master suites.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



**BERKELEY'S BEST VALUE** \$329,000  
 Spacious 2-story home like new situated in the midst of stately homes & walking distance to campus. 2 new baths & new kitchen. 3+ bedrooms, built-ins and yard.

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400



**BAY VIEW CHARMER** \$315,000  
 Great house and location across JM park. Euro kitchen, family room, tropical patio w/spa, hardwood floors, formal dining, 3BR, 2BA. Open Sunday.

HARRY KRESS 339-8400



**INSTEAD OF A CONDO!** \$249,500  
 Why not a terrific chalet the perfect place to write a best selling novel? Set back from the street. Warm & cozy fireplace. Amongst the trees.

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975



**YOU DESERVE TO BE PAMPERED** \$237,000  
 Enjoy jacuzzi, gourmet kitchen, master retreat & covered patio, on 200 ft deep lot. 3BR, 2BA in finest San Leandro North Area. Over 2200 sq ft! 380 Breed.

EARLE SHENK 287-9590

**THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.**

**SUN-FILLED CONTEMPORARY** .....\$529,000  
 Prestigious Piedmont Pines. Like new 3+BR in private peaceful setting. Many upgrades. Plus rooms for home office/au pair room. Walk to regional park trails.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**GREAT PIEDMONT LOCATION** .....\$529,000  
 Plus SF Bay view remodeled 4BR, 3BA, fireplace in living room, hardwood floors throughout. Family room opens to deck landscaped front yard. MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**FIRST CLASS QUALITY** .....\$389,000  
 4BR, 2.5BA traditional. Special touches incl. hardwood floors, dual pane windows, skylights, built-ins, beamed ceilings, wood trim. FDR, breakfast room, Eat-in kitchen, bonus rm, terraced backyard w/patio. Excellent buy! Open Sun., 2-4:30pm, 5850 Pinewood Rd.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL** .....\$379,500  
 Elegant two story home, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, remodeled, sunny throughout. Very affordable for Crocker Highlands. Walking distance to shops. MARK ATTARHA 339-4000

**EXCELLENT INVESTMENT - 6 UNITS** ....\$359,000  
 Seller will consider all reasonable offers. All 2 bedroom units, near Lake Merritt, low down, good cash flow, well maintained. Call today.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216

**MINIMUM MAINTENANCE** .....\$345,000  
 4BR, 3BA ranch w/views of San Francisco. Remodeled kitchen, skylit LR, 2-sided fp in LR/DR, hardwood floors on main level. Large family room w/deck/built-ins. Big sunny courtyard. Make us an offer.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**DECIDEDLY HANDSOME & DRAMATIC**! .....\$309,000  
 New close-in Montclair listing on great cul-de-sac street. Custom-built w/vaulted ceiling, clear redwood paneling, brick & glass walls, great master suite & family room. 2BR, 2BA.

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

**BACK ON THE MARKET** .....\$289,000  
 3+BR, 2BA in Montclair. Sun-filled atrium, random-plank oak floors, large master suite, (3) redwood decks, level/private backyard, formal DR, living room w/beamed ceilings. Excellent buy.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**BEST BUY - UPPER OAKMORE!!** .....\$285,000  
 Reduced 20K. 3BR, 2BA, A-1 condition, beamed ceiling, hardwood floors, private setting, family room w/2nd fireplace, close to everything.

MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

**LOTS OF HOUSE FOR THE \$!** .....\$279,000  
 Walk to Montclair Village from this 4BR, 2BA traditional. Large lot with many garden areas. Family room down could be home office/au-pair space.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**EXCEPTIONAL TRI-PLEX** .....\$277,000  
 Good cash flow, newer roof, security door, 2 car garage parking, Common laundry, small yard, (2) 2 bedroom units (1) studio. Near Lake Merritt.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216

**MONET'S CANYON VIEW!** .....\$275,000  
 Open Sun 2-4:30. Great family home and value. Rec room/office, Hardwood floors, decks & total privacy. Easy floor plan. 3BR, 2BA.

CARIN CARO 339-8400

**NEW WITH PRISTINE PANORAMA VIEW!** .....\$269,000  
 The best of views in the best of Lincoln Heights! Vaulted ceiling, master suite, open floor plan and fantastic yard; plus room and great rumpus room too. 2BR, 2BA.

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

**MINI MANSION IN ADAMS POINT** .....\$258,500  
 Just reduced! Large traditional 4BR, 1.5BA, sun porch, rumpus room w/separate entrance, plenty of off-street parking, walk to lake, shopping, public transportation.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 x216

**NEED EXTRA SPACE?** .....\$249,000  
 Gorgeous garden setting adorns this charming home plus a separate cottage. Piedmont Ave area. Close to Rockridge.

OPEN SUN 4441 Montgomery St., 2-4:30pm.

VICKIE CHAN CASE 339-8400

**SPACIOUS HILL AREA VALUE!** .....\$239,000  
 Contemporary 4BR, 2.5BA with family room. Gorgeous recently updated kitchen, formal dining area & more! Lots of space. Motivated seller!

STEVEN BIASOTTI 339-8400 x239

**LIKE A STORYBOOK** .....\$238,000  
 Many happy endings await you in this custom built home with gorgeous oak floors, floor to ceiling fireplace, cook's kitchen. For a happy beginning, call now. Open Sunday, 2-4:30, 9990 Sigmoury.

M.J. MC CONVILLE 287-9583

**MAGNIFICENT BAY & CITY VIEWS** .....\$230,000  
 Where else can you find this great view for this price! 3BR, 1.5BA, deck off living room, eat-in kitchen, rumpus room. Don't miss this. Call today!

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

**CHARMING BEGINNER GO VA OR FHA**! .....\$149,000  
 Can be yours in this spick & span 2BR, 2BA home, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, new 2-car garage, landscaped level lot. Move-in condition!!

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**WHAT A BUY!** .....\$149,000  
 Cute starter home above High Street. 2 bedrooms, elevated dining updated kitchen and bath. Low down for first time buyers.

MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9596

**BEAR-SIZED HOME AT HONEY OF A PRICE** ...\$199,000  
 Roomy den for all your cubs in this tudor with 4BR, 2BA, full finished basement plus 2 car garage. Spacious yard in which to roam. See today!

M.J. MC CONVILLE 287-9583

**STYLE AND SUNLIGHT!** .....\$149,000  
 Sophisticated end unit condo that has been exquisitely remodeled with granite countertop, maple cabinets, sub-zero refrigerator & much more!

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**CAREFREE LIVING** .....\$147,500  
 In this 2+ bedroom home tucked away on private road in Glenview. Updated kitchen, family room & bath, lots of closets. Spacious & gracious, call now. Open Sun., 2-4:30, 3406 Adell Court.

MICHAEL KELLY 287-9576

**SEXY PENTHOUSE PAD! NEW LISTING** ...\$87,500  
 Elegantly totally refurbished spacious 1 unit. Vaulted living room w/fireplace & city skyline view. Built-as-condo. In-unit W/D. SF bus at door, walk to BART. Value!

D. HODGES 339-8400

**CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!** .....\$64,500  
 Prime location above 580 near Piedmont line. One bedroom condo on top floor. Just painted. Wonderful building. Full security. Must be sold!

KEN FERRELL 339-8400

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?**  
**CALL 339-4047**

# MASON-McDUFFIE...Welcome Home

## Featured Homes of the Week



VIEWS OF LAKE AND S.F. \$2,500,000  
1930 Tantau designed Piedmont Tudor with 5+br, 4.5ba, formal dining, gourmet kit, hwd flrs, 2 kitchens, excel cond, beautiful gardens, sauna, hot tub, bay views, privacy, OPEN Nov. 10, 2-4:30. B. HOPPER 845-0200, 635-4839



MONTCLAIR VALLE VISTA \$889,000 - \$925,000  
New luxury estate homes - commanding GG & Bay views, lavish use of granite & marble, spacious rooms, state-of-the-art kitchens, family rooms, high ceilings and more!! OPEN Nov. 9th & 10th, 2-4:30, 6066 Mazuela, 6101 Mazuela, 6111 Mazuela. BARBARA HOPPER 845-0200, 635-4839

### OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

STATE OAKMORE TRADITIONAL \$575,000  
price reduced! Lg living rm, FDR, 4BR, 4.5BA, fam rm, flps, gourmet kit, hwd flrs, 2 kitchens, excel cond, beautiful gardens, sauna, hot tub, bay views, privacy, OPEN Nov. 10, 2-4:30. B. HOPPER 845-0200, 635-4839

LUXSCALE ROCKRIDGE CONDO \$395,000  
Spacious 2BR, 2BA unit. Dramatic 360° view. 9-unit building. Walk to trans, shops, country club.  
GENE PETTIS 428-0900, 547-4251

MAGNIFICENT VIEWS! \$335,000  
level entry - Oakmore jewel features FDR, eat-in kit, frpl, living rm & rumpus. 3BR, 2BA, hwd flrs, 2-car gar. Eg laundry rm & yard. PAM CORNFORD 339-9290

PRIVACY & FLEXIBILITY OF SPACE \$299,000  
BR, 2.5BA, two story home + artist studio & loft. Woodsy setting on .25 acres - Piedmont side of Montclair. 2nd level has 2nd kitchen & separate entrance. HELENE BARKIN 849-3711, 273-9312

LEVEL LIVING! \$298,000  
Parkside Estates corner lot. Spacious 4BR, 2BA home including family room off kitchen, large DR, frpl in living room, 2-car garage. Terraced back yard with pool. PAM CORNFORD 339-9290

BEAUTIFUL HOME IN WOODED CANYON \$288,000  
BR, 2BA with lovely soft light & charming creek meandering through trees in rainy season. Spacious living room, 2 large decks, upgrades & pluses. Two levels. JEAN AUKA 849-3711, 273-9311

CRAFTSMAN BEAUTY WITH CHARM \$195,000  
BR, 3BA. Wood beams & paneling, 2,300 sq. ft. Also BR for "in-law" apartment. Can be live/work.  
SYBIL BAILEY 834-2010

HOME WITH A VIEW!!! \$159,500  
134-BR Maxwell Park beauty! Huge living room, FDR, new, hwd floors! Enjoy a view of the bay! Great large yard!!! CECELIA 428-0900

SPACIOUS TOWNHOUSE IN RR \$156,000  
Live in Rockridge for \$156,000! Huge 2BR, 1.5BA condo near BART & Market Hall. Garage, security gate & private patio. ERIKA CELESTRE 845-0211

NORTH OAKLAND HOME \$155,000  
BR with large living room, fireplace. Formal dining room. Updated kitchen. Sun porch, basement. MUM HEDGES 848-6222, 287-9001

SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME! \$155,000  
Large home with 2 family rooms. Clean with decks & skylight in kitchen, canyon views & park-like yard. Owner owned. FELICIA OWENS 658-7872

LAKESIDE REGENCY VALUE \$138,500  
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## Events

The Events Calendar does not accept profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The East Bay Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors will hold it monthly luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Fri., Nov. 8 at the Hungry Hunter, 1211 Embarcadero in Oakland. Scott Swift will speak on: What are You Doing to Make It Easier For Customers To Do Business With You? The luncheon cost \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Call Dorie Gallinatti at 763-9901 for more information

The Building Education Center

(Hwy 13 at Lincoln Ave.) Jim Raes of Simpson Strong Tie will speak in Simpson's product line of wood connectors and their proper specifications and installation.. Call Don Rogers at 339-6130 for more information.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to plan your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. Nov. 12 through Fri. Nov. 15 the center presents its special four-day intensive course Owner as Contractor with contractor Scott Achelis and John Reed, attorney Sterling Johnson, and mediator Ron Kelly. Topics covered include project management and scheduling, legal aspects, estimating, dispute prevention and early resolution. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI/SFBA), an association of professional remodeling contractors, subcontractors, architectural and interior design professionals, hosts its regular monthly meeting 6 p.m., Wed., Nov. 13 at the Showplace Square, Two Henry Adams St., San Francisco. See EVENTS on page 21

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Charming 3bedroom/3bath home situated on 2 landscaped lots

Spacious living room with fireplace, sep. office & lovely patio. LINDA MCCLAIN

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## The upside to 55 plus

What could possibly be good about being over 55, you ask? Well, for one, grandchildren, and we all know that's the real reason you have kids in the first place. For another, significant tax benefits accrue when you reach that wonderful age and begin thinking of downsizing.

Tax benefit #1 arises from Internal Revenue Code Section 121, which provides that a home seller who has lived in the property as his/her primary residence for three of the five years immediately preceding the date of sale may exclude up to \$125,000 of gain in determining his/her tax liability.

Thus, for example, is the adjusted sales price (sales price less certain costs of sale) is \$500,000 and the adjusted basis is \$100,000 (purchase price less certain adjustments over the years), the selling party would only have to pay tax on a \$275,000 gain, rather than on the full \$400,000 increase in value. And, if I hear Mr. Clinton's campaign-

speak correctly, the maximum excluded amount may be in for a sizeable increase before too long.

Unlike the tax benefits arising under Internal Revenue Code Section 1034, which allow a selling homeowner to defer capital gains taxes upon the sale of a primary residence, the IRC 121 benefit is a true exclusion, i.e., tax on the \$125,000 will never be due.

This benefit is available only once in a lifetime, and only once per couple, even if they subsequently divorce and/or remarry. There are less stringent rules for taxpayers who are mentally and physically incapacitated in the years immediately preceding the sale of the property.

Finally, the IRC 121 exclusion can be combined with the IRC 1034 "rollover," to produce a tax-free sale situation. For example, the selling homeowner could exclude the first \$125,000 of gain and then defer taxation on the remaining \$275,000 by replacing his/her home

with one of equal or greater value within the prescribed periods of time.

Benefit #2 has to do with property taxes. In California, if an over 55 home owner sells his primary residence and repurchases one of equal or lesser value in certain participating counties, he/she can take his old property tax amount with him/her.

A little history here. In 1978, California voters passed Proposition 13 which, among other things, decreed that property taxes were henceforth to equal 1 percent of the assessed value of the property, plus a modest annual inflation factor. That is, until the property was sold. The new owner's taxes would then be based on the market value on the date of sale. This has resulted in tremendous inequities in property tax levels between neighboring properties, depending on when one or the other has last sold.

Proposition 60, passed in 1987, attempt to speak to the problem this created for longtime home owners who, having raised their family, wanted to sell the larger home purchase something smaller. Under the Proposition 13 formula, such folks often found themselves in the unhappy position of paying more property taxes for a smaller home because the new taxes were based on current market value than they had on the older, larger home.

What Proposition 60 did was to establish that such homeowners, upon reaching the age of 55, could take their old property taxes with them, provided their replacement

**It's not all  
downhill when  
you reach 55 ...  
not all benefits  
are as fun as the  
grandkids.**

## 'As is' two words that can save thousands

By Napoleon Forte

The old adage, "A penny saved is a penny earned," could mean thousands of dollars when buying your next home. An often overlooked way to save when buying is to buy your next home "as-is." This means that you are buying the home in its present condition.

Money can be saved by both buyer and seller. The seller (owner) does not have to make repairs or fix anything before selling the property. The buyer is buying at the lowest possible price. Sounds good? You bet. However, something must be understood before rushing out buy "as-is." Key points have been summarized below:

1. The real estate contract must not call for any of the usual inspections on an existing property, such as termite, roof and plumbing. New homes are typically sold "as-is."

2. The appraisal report must state that the property is in the average or normal condition without any needed repairs or required deferred maintenance.

3. The lender used must have a loan approval policy that does not automatically call for a termite report on all existing prop-

erties over, say, 5 years.

4. The buyer must own property in its present and without any implied warranties by the seller.

The quickest way to "as-is" transaction is to call a team that is fully aware of professional's role in this transaction. Buyer and seller must have honest discussions about the present condition of the home. Everything known about the seller should be disclosed to the buyer for full acceptance before buying. Agents representing both buyer and seller must not call for the usual inspection. These inspections are waived by the transaction being "as-is" and should be noted in the purchase contract.

The appraisal report represents the property based on its present condition. In fact, appraiser checks a box "as-is," which means no conditions on the value stated in the report. Only if there are appropriate conditions will the "as-is" be terminated. For these appraisal conditions, such mandatory repairs, the transaction is placed on hold.

See AS IS on page



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220 CROSS RD.....UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....3BD/2BA.....\$499,000....MICHAEL THOMPSON
570 MOUNTAIN.....PIEDMONT.....3+BD/2.5BA.....\$489,000.....DONNA CONROY
5800 ROSS.....ROCKRIDGE.....4BD/2.5BA.....\$465,000.....PAULA EASTON
40 STARVIEW.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD/3BA.....\$399,000.....OLIE HAMMEREL
1626 MOUNTAIN.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD/2BA.....\$389,900.....RUBY NG
6666 CHARING CROSS.....HILLER HIGHLANDS...3BD/2.5BA.....\$345,000.....OLIE HAMMEREL
401 HILLER DR.....HILLER HIGHLANDS...3BD/2.5BA.....\$335,000.....OLIE HAMMEREL
6656 CHARING CROSS.....HILLER HIGHLANDS...3BD/2.5BA.....\$309,000.....OLIE HAMMEREL
619 LONGRIDGE RD.....CROCKER HIGHLANDS...3BD/2BA.....\$309,000.....MARILYN BREMSER
39 RAMONA.....PIEDMONT AVE.....4BD/2BA.....\$267,000.....KEN MACDONALD
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Wonderful new Mediterranean by Mark Becker. Spacious kitchen/family room opens up to patio and landscaped yard. Great master suite and bay views. 4BD/2.5BA. Jim Duffy
PIEDMONT WITH STUNNING VIEWS...\$649,000
This Spanish Mediterranean Villa has breathtaking views, new carpet and interior paint, 5BD/4BA, formal dining room, yard. Phyllis Milenbach
SPACIOUS PIEDMONT HOME.....\$554,000
Four bedrooms, 3 baths w/ great indoor/outdoor living. Remod eat-in kitchen/fam rm, master suite, 3 bdrms on 1 level. Huge rec rm w/ frpl. Dian Hymer*
UPPER OAKMORE.....\$449,000
Traditional with charm. 4+BD, 3BA, level living, hwd floors, large LR, formal DR w/ parquet floors. Covered patio & back garden. Norm Robinow
MONTCLAIR.....\$439,000
New construction. Shop and compare floor plan, room sizes & finishes. There is a lot here for the price. 3BD/2.5BA. Evelyn Walker
1001 SUNNYHILLS ROAD.....\$499,000
Crocker Highlands picturesque French Normandy style. 3BD, 2.5BA, elegant living room, formal dining room. Gourmet kitchen. Charming breakfast room, library. Dian Hymer
OAKLAND HILLS.....\$389,000
Beautiful level-in home offers a sense of privacy with sweeping bay views. Remodeled kitchen & baths. Family rm, elegant master, dramatic living rm & spacious decks. 3BD/2BA. Sherry Benninger
UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$299,000
Great one level home in prime location. Level out to wrap around patio. Walk to shops and trans. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. George Karsant
PIEDMONT PINES.....\$249,000
Charm with a capital "SEE". 2BD home. Hdwd floors, eat-in kitchen, large yard. Joan Alford
A REAL CHARMER.....\$239,500
Don't miss this listing; 3BD/2BA, family room. Move-in condition, updated kitchen & baths. Hardwood floors, yard. Phyllis Milenbach
LAUREL BUNGALOW.....\$165,000
Oversized yard is a gardener's delight. Formal dining room, new roof, patio, laundry room, 3 bedrooms. Paula Easton

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1115 WOODSIDE.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$305,000.....CHRIS COHN
1620 BELVEDERE.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/2BA.....\$237,000.....DIANE VERDUCCI
1075 CRESTON.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1.5BA.....\$237,000.....MELISSA LYCKEBERG
1411 BLAKE.....BERKELEY.....4BR/2BA.....\$229,000.....GABY OLANDER
1905 MCGEE.....BERKELEY.....2+BR/1.5BA.....\$217,000.....THE LONG
2538 TULARE.....EL CERRITO.....4+BR/2BA.....\$178,000.....HENRY CHANG
641 COVENTRY.....KENSINGTON.....4BR/3BA.....\$375,000.....DIANA KAHAN
6185 WESTOVER DR.....MONTCLAIR.....4+BR/1BA.....\$315,000.....JEANNE MCHUGH
5700 ALPINE.....SAN PABLO.....3BR/2BA.....\$147,500.....NANCY REICHERT

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STUNNING BERKELEY TOWNHOME...\$399,000  
3 YEARS NEW! Tri-level beauty with bay views in North Berkeley, just a short walk to the Gourmet Ghetto. 3BR, 2.5BA, fireplace, front & back patios. Beautiful detailing, high quality construction.

SMASHING VIEWS.....AS IS \$375,000  
REDUCED \$54,000! Lovely Tudor in heart of Kensington! 4BR, 3BA with study, possible in-law. Enjoy peaceful garden, yard & decks. Walk to shops.

BREATHTAKING VIEW  
FROM OAKLAND.....\$329,000  
Spacious & charming, this one is for you. 3BR, 2+BA, fam rm & 2 frpls. Peaceful patio & large yard.

SOPHISTICATED HOME -  
RUSTIC SETTING.....\$315,000  
New price! Montclair hills! Elegant, quality contemporary with 4+BR, 3BA, formal dining room & excellent separation of space for privacy. Hot tub + deck with canyon view & "touch of the Bay".

DARLING ROCKRIDGE  
BUNGALOW WITH ART STUDIO.....\$289,500  
Filled with built-ins & sunlight. 3BR, 1BA, formal dining room & spacious kitchen. Cul-de-sac location, private fenced yard with garden & fruit trees. Walk to College Ave. shops & restaurants.

ENGLISH TUDOR IN EL CERRITO HILLS...\$279,000  
Classic Tudor style in quiet neighborhood with partial bay views. 4+BR, 2BA plus formal dining and breakfast room, possible in-law set-up.

STYLISH BERKELEY CHARMER.....\$237,000  
Updated with warmth & style! 2BR, 2BA with formal dining & family rm. Lower level with master suite, great kitchen with eating area & deck. On a great street in North Berkeley, near BART.

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Perfect for owner/resident! Elegant 2,000 sq ft penthouse with family room, dining room, beamed ceilings, 2 fireplaces, jacuzzi and 2 decks! Mediterranean style income units, mostly 2 bedrooms. Large lot, garage parking.
PIEDMONT SCHOOLS!
CHARMING N. OAKLAND TRIPLEX...\$270,000
Lovely older bldg. One 2BR unit, two 1BR units. Large yard, fenced. Near College Ave.
BERKELEY TRIPLEX IN WESTBRAE...\$220,000
Rare property next to Bagels, sweets & flowers! Perfect for extended family or pure income. One 2BR unit, two 1BR units. Walk to BART.

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# Events...

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Carol Crow, president of the California Forest Products Commission will speak on "Managing California's Forests." The \$25 ticket includes dinner, beverage, dessert and program. Nonmembers are encouraged to attend. Advanced reservations are requested. Call (415) 985-7058 for reservations and information.

Catherine Teegarten of RAF

Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 14 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Learn how to find single family homes and multifamily properties, sell them quickly and realize your profits. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Realtors, investors, contractors and nonprofits are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarten at 528-0767, ext. 17 for information and reservations.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the **American Society of Home Inspectors** (ASHI) hosts its monthly meeting Thurs., Nov. 14 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. Home inspectors who belong to ASHI of those interested in joining and meeting other professionals are invited to attend. Along with a regular chapter business meeting, Jim Tracy of Golden Gate Storage Tank Removal will present "Underground Storage Tanks." The \$35 cost includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for more information.

rates, and strategies for minimizing closing costs. Reservations are required. Call 718-2134.

The GRUBB Co. brings back the **Holiday Home Tour** as a fundraiser for the Piedmont Schools, 4 to 8 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 21 with a hosted reception at the Piedmont Community Center at 5 p.m. The tour will showcase six gracious Piedmont homes. Tickets for the tour are \$25. They are available at the Bank of America, The GRUBB Co. and Montclair Movie Express in Montclair, Glendale Federal in Piedmont, and the Gift Horse in Berkeley. Call Jennifer Loccarini at 339-0400 for more information.

The Merritt College Landscape Horticultural Dept. presents **Growing Roses**. Taught by Karen Talbot of Rheem Valley Roses, a consultant with the American Rose society, the class will cover all types of roses from old garden to modern. Learn which varieties are tried and true favorites and which are the award-winning choices for the coming year. Register for the \$15 class by calling 436-2413.

The **East Bay Bazaar**, a benefit

for La Peña Cultural Center, is on tap for Thanksgiving weekend, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., Nov. 30 and Sun., Dec. 1 at the Oakland Convention Center. Formerly held at the Berkeley Bazaar, the event features rainstick, jewelry and kite making for the kids, live music, a fine art gallery, natural body decoration from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, exhibits by local nonprofits, and live craft demonstrations.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**, The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held biweekly. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 times and places.

Join your Oakland neighbors in the Temescal District at the **Temescal Square Certified Farmer's Market**, every Sunday through November from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This neighborhood market at 49th and Telegraph will have a strong organic emphasis and include peaches, plums and nectarines from the San Joaquin Valley. Call the Market Hotline for more information at (800) 949-FARM or visit the market's Web site at <http://www.pcfa.com>.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy

rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information.

Bank America Mortgage presents **Home Buyer Open House Forum**, at 1322 North Main St., Walnut Creek. Learn how much home you can afford, get preapproved before you start looking and receive a free credit review and analysis. Get the facts on popular 3-, 5-, 7- and 10-year fixed rate loans. Call in your special request and our search panel will provide you with select homes in your price range to preview at the forum. Free home buyers kits will be presented to all those who attend. Call Maura at 295-3205 for more information. This forum is presented on an ongoing basis.

The East Bay Leads Club meets 7:45 a.m. Wednesdays at the Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. The Leads Club, the largest leads generating organization in the world, is open to all business owners, salespeople, managers and professionals. During weekly 75-minute meetings, each member gives a brief business presentation and exchanges leads collected during the previous week. Call 601-6325 for more information.

Le Tip International, a organization of independent businesspeople devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schlif at 236-3002.

The Friends of the Latin American Library hold regular meetings at the Latin American Library, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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## Oakland

\$55,000 85 VERNON #203 A 1 BD condo in second floor w/elevators & convenient to transportation, shopping & Lake Merritt recreation. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$73,500 3877 HOWE #209 Great location! Walk to Pauroso! 1 BD/1 BA condo in complex, nice unit. Peter Fletcher 523-5750

\$85,500 4527 ELLEN Large single-level home! 3 BD/1 BA, 2 car garage, rear yard, heads cosmic touch! **SOLD** George & Bev Williams 522-7173

\$115,000 3651 MANZ New! nicely kept 2 BD, 2 BA bungalow w/ 1 car garage. fireplace, large deck & 2 large rm. Julieanne Hessler 865-3479

\$130,000 625 MADISON #206 Spectious & light 2 BD/2 BA corner unit w/ balcony! Convenient to shopping & freeway access! Anna Woo 424-4240

\$130,000 5453 HOLLAND New! nicely kept 2 BD, 2 BA bungalow w/ wood floors, wood den, wood deck & 2 car garage! Russ Grant 514-4713

\$160,000 2007 HIGH, Three units separately metered! 2 BD, one 2 BD/1 BA + one 3 BD/2 BA with unit in back 3 BD/1 BA attached garage! Probate Sale Martha Turner 814-4828

\$19,500 511 CHADBURNE, A 1 level 2 BD/2 BA bungalow w/ vinyl siding! Hardwood floors, wood den, wood deck & 2 car garage! Probate Sale Martha Turner 814-4828

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## Hayward

\$22,000 01582 DEVONWOOD Lots of upgrades in this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Heritage Home! Seven years young, master room, fireplace, 2-car garage & balcony & garage! Tere Lee 521-3352

\$244,500 170 HAWAIIAN Unique investment opportunity! 2 BD/1 BA unit underneath. Lighted shop plus 2 BD, 1 BA split-level house! Great Area! Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

## San Lorenzo

\$22,000 01582 DEVONWOOD Lots of upgrades in this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Heritage Home! Seven years young, master room, fireplace, 2-car garage & balcony & garage! Tere Lee 521-3352

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## Albany

\$16,000 0707 JOHNSON Just reduced! Immaculate 2 BD/2 BA starter home in move-in condition! Hardwood floors, new kitchen in cabinet, new shower, transportation, & good schools. Attached garage Connie Lee 521-3352

\$249,500 311 CHADBURNE, A 1 level 2 BD/2 BA bungalow w/ vinyl siding! Hardwood floors, wood den, wood deck & 2 car garage! Probate Sale Martha Turner 814-4828

## El Cerrito

\$267,000 549 COLUSA Great view! Three BD, 2 BA in move-in conditio! Near shopping & transportation! Martha Turner 814-4828

## Vallejo

\$139,000 451 WHITNEY Handyman's dream home! Pick your own carpets, paint & landscaping, this home needs it! all 4 BD, 3 BA & 2-car attached garage! Tim Marr 865-6226

## Martinez

\$267,000 261 BIARI Wonderful family home on cul-de-sac! Spacious 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA home with modern kitchen, breakfast nook, large family room & deck, large yard area! Anna Woo 865-3490

## Oakland

\$103,000 894 LEWELLING Beautiful, bright, upper 2 BD unit! Storage on deck & 2 parking spaces, one covered! Anna Woo 865-4340 or Tere Lee 521-3352

\$142,000 14163 SEAGATE A ground-level 2 bedroom condo in a wonderful location! Separate laundry room, fireplace, complex pool, & view of bay! Tere Lee 521-3352

\$144,000 442-2 PENDING Private, private 2 BD, 2 1/2 bath home! Features kitchen, bar, eating areas, storage rooms, restrooms, plus parking! Blane Budis 814-4828

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## Book helps avoid errors

Interest rates are down, it's a buyer's market and your real estate agent is urging you to buy! What should you do?

If you're like many home buyers, you might take the leap of faith and buy your home based on the advice and urging of Realtors or bankers—even friends, family, and co-workers. Unfortunately, many homebuyers learn by making costly mistakes they'll sorely regret after the boxes are unpacked and monthly housing expenses start piling up. So before you buy a home, you must educate yourself.

To help homebuyers in the driver's seat to they can take control of the home-buying process, personal finance and consumer advocate Eric Tyson has teamed up with real estate expert Ray Brown to provide a step-by-step guide for how to buy a home and demystify the process.

It's a down-to-earth, practical, holistic, and humorous book on home buying that simplifies the complex world of real estate. *Home Buying For Dummies* walks consumers through every aspect—from getting their financial house in order to establishing their real estate team to signing legal contracts—of what is most likely the biggest purchase they will ever make.

Tyson and Brown, who combined have spent nearly 40 years advising thousands of people about home purchases and other important personal finance decisions, have seen their share of money draining mistakes. Drawing from their

experience, together they explain smart, thoughtful home buying strategies that could save readers thousands, perhaps even tens of thousands of dollars on their next home purchase.

"We've seen how lack of knowledge about basic concepts and practices in home buying translates into tremendously costly mistakes that are both needless and avoidable," advises coauthor Brown, a 20-year veteran of the real estate industry. Personal finance expert and coauthor Tyson adds, "And most books on home buying are written by real estate agents who focus only on the actual purchase. We knew the secret and first step of successful home buying is to take a thorough look at your overall personal financial situation. Once that is in order, we guide you through the home buying process so that you are prepared to make the right decisions."

And not everyone should buy, at least not now, advises Tyson. "Important pieces should fall into place before you sign a contract to buy a home. Many prospective homebuyers make the mistake of putting the cart before the horse. Real estate agents, mortgage brokers, and other players only get paid if you buy, so you must protect yourself against conflicts of interest," said Tyson.

*Home Buying for Dummies* is available from IDG Books Worldwide, (800) 762-2974, and at bookstores nationwide).



DENNIS KAMENSKY

When you own a rental property you can deduct all the expenses involved in making, or trying to make, that rental income. Unlike a principal residence where only mortgage interest and property taxes are deductible, every expense is either deducted or depreciated on your tax returns.

These expenses would include all mortgage interest (including interest paid on credit cards or lines of credit that are directly involved with the property), property taxes, city or business taxes, utilities, repairs, cleaning and maintenance, insurance, travel (from going to pick up the rent to going to the hardware store to get supplies), postage, telephone calls, etc., etc.

And, you can depreciate (deduct the cost over a period of years) the value of the building and all major improvements that are made on the property.

In other words, owning a rental property is like having a business. On one side you have rental income, and on the other side of the ledger all of the expenses, plus depreciation. The difference between the two will result in either a net gain or loss. All of this information goes on Schedule E (the Supplemental Income tax form) and each rental property is treated separately.

It's essential to keep good records throughout the year, and to save all your receipts for the property. Since everything is ei-

## The tax man and rental properties

ther deducted or depreciated, you need to save and record everything. I suggest you even set up a separate bank account just for the rental property, to keep track of income and expenses more easily.

If you have a situation where you live in part of the property and rent out the other, then it becomes a little more complicated. You need to prorate the expenses and depreciation based on the percentage of what portion of the property is for income and what is used as personal.

For example, I just did a tax return where the clients own a triplex and live in one unit. That unit is one-half the square footage of the entire property. Therefore, on their tax returns, I used one-half of the mortgage interest and property taxes for their personal deductions (Schedule A), and depreciated one-half of the value of the building against the rental income (on Schedule E). Of course, we were able to deduct one-half of the insurance, utilities, and overall repairs against the rental income.

Also, any repairs, done solely for the rental units were 100 percent deductible, and repairs done for their own personal unit were not deductible.

Beginning in 1987 there were limits established on how much you can deduct in net losses on your tax returns each year for rental property losses.

If you are an active real estate investor, who owns at least 10 percent of the property, and your adjusted gross income is under \$100,000, you can deduct up to \$25,000 on your tax return. If your adjusted gross income is over \$100,000, you have to subtract that amount from the \$100,000 figure, divide by 2, and subtract

that amount from the \$25,000.

For example, with an AGI of \$120,000, you would only be able to deduct up to \$15,000 on that year's tax return (\$120,000 minus \$100,000 equals \$20,000, divided by 2 equals \$10,000, minus \$25,000 equals \$15,000). With an AGI of \$150,000 or more you would not be able to deduct any of your net rental income losses on that year's tax returns.

But, you can carry over all net rental income losses to future tax years. The losses can be used against net rental income gains, passive income gains (such as gains from limited partnerships), and capital gains in selling passive or active investments.

In other words, you may have tax losses that can be saved and used in future years. I've had clients be able to sell rental properties and be able to use loss carryovers to not have to pay any capital gains on the property that was sold.

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## Gardening books to loan

annual fee of \$2.

The library is open Thursdays 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays) and is located in the Garden Center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland.

The public is invited to use the library and the other Garden Center facilities. For more information call 482-5252.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

3035 FRUITVALE, 3bd/1½ba craftsman beauty Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Sybil Bailey 604-6048	\$170,000
4409 VIEW ST, Piedmont Ave area 1/2-2-story fixer, opportunity Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mark Miller 893-5030	\$165,000
3849 BUELL ST, 2bd/1ba, bright & sunny, hwdws, huge yd, garage Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460	\$165,000
296 MILLSBRAE, Mills College, 2bd/2+plus, new k/baths, pvt yd \$159,900 Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000	\$159,900
4718 VIRGINIA AVE, Maxwell Park 2/1 Med bungalow w/FDR & den \$157,000 Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653	\$157,000
400 WAYNE AV, Nw 2/2 condos, gorgeous Lake Merritt vws, decks Templeton Company, Ron Eggerman 652-2133 X127 to \$175,000	\$155,000
3226 MORCOM, Maxwell Park 2bd/1ba, lovely tudor, level yd, view Mason-McDuffie 339-9230, Elaine Barber 869-4204	\$155,000
3380 WYMAN, Maxwell Pk, lg 3/1½ family home, skylights & deck Mason-McDuffie 339-9230, Felicia Owens 669-4217	\$155,000
2225 SHORT ST, 2bd/1ba craftsman, lovely garden, nice details Better Homes, Vicki Fierro 832-4339	\$149,000
3406 ADELL CT, Glenview spacious 2+b1/b1, sunny kitchen, fam rm Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000	\$147,500
3945 HARRISON #2, Great 2bd/2ba condol Mason-McDuffie 339-9230, Cindy Boze 869-4203	\$146,000
2903 CARMEL ST, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1+b1, best value! 1300sf twnhse Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460	\$139,000
6004 MONADNOCK WAY, Mills College 2+bd/1ba vintage charmer Better Homes, Sherella Sims 339-4000	\$139,000
3151 TEXAS, Laurel, new listing! 2bd/1b, charming bungalow, lg yd Mason-McDuffie 339-9230, Sharon Ho 869-4220	\$119,000
3419 COOLIDGE AV, Laurel, 1+bd/1b cottage, redone k/ba, patio Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460	\$119,000
4120 LUSK, New listing! 2bd/1b, frpl, lg bsmnt for expansion Security Pacific, Jamie Lake 765-5960 SUNDAY 1-4	\$118,000
<b>ALAMEDA</b> Open Sunday	
1407 EASTSHORE, 3b/2+b+den, beautifully maintained split level Mason-McDuffie 339-9230, Bob Randall 869-4242 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$279,500
<b>ALBANY</b> Open Sunday	
809 WASHINGTON St, Albany Hill 3+2, Viewsl renovated w/recent legal additn. Bonus rm down: TCO RE, Harry Moss 415-621-1600 SUM 1-4	\$359,000
<b>BERKELEY</b> Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm	
29 CHANCELLOR PI, 3bd contemp mstrpcie, office, gourmet kitchn \$895,000 Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 2-4	
2727 CLAREMONT BL, Ratcliff hm near park, 3+bd/2++ba, spacial Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 SUNDAY 2-4	\$825,000
5811 BUCKINGHAM, Berk Hills, 4-bridge & SF vw, plush amenities Pacific Union 743-9330, Lois Mullen 736-2128 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30	\$739,000
877 SANTA BARBARA, 4+bd/3ba Med, location! SF/GG vws, deck \$625,000 Templeton Company, Nancy Noman 652-2133 X124	
2927 FOREST Av, Claremont Court 3bd, 2 studies, cftrsmn influence \$515,000 Templeton Company, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135 SUNDAY 2-4	
873 INDIAN ROCK AVE, Thousand Oaks 4/3½ br shingle, bay vw The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400	\$449,000
2918 PIEDMONT, Classic Elmwood br shingle, huge attic, detail The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400	\$375,000
1115 WOODSIDE, Berkeley 3bd/2½ba Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495	\$305,000
3051 BUENA VISTA WAY, Just listed, magical cottage in the woods \$289,000 Berkeley Hills Realty, Maya Trilling 524-1700 X18 SUNDAY 2-4	
1461 CURTIS, Just listed! fab mstr, nr shops/restaurants, grt price Berkley Hills Realty, Kathleen duBois 525-3345	\$269,000
1075 CRESTON, 2bd/1½ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495	\$237,000
1620 BELVEDERE, Berkeley 3+bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495	\$237,000
1411 BLAKE, Berkeley 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495	\$229,000
1904 MILVIA, North Berkeley 3bd/2ba, 2 blocks to UC, move in! Better Homes, Jim Schubert 436-6683	\$219,000
1905 McGEE, 2+bd/1½ba Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495	\$217,000
45 INVERLEITH TER, 3bd/2+ba, spacious 1-level, new kitchen, frpl Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460	\$252,000
120 ESTATES, 4bd/2½ba, reduced to sell/make an offer! Mason-McDuffie 339-9230, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205	\$259,000
570 MOUNTAIN AVE, Viewl 3+bd/2½b, hwdws, kit/family rm combo Coldwell Banker, Donna Connroy 339-1174	\$489,000
431 PALA AVE, 3/2, updated kitchen, rumpus, grt yd, pool/tub Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460	\$485,000
816 BLAIR AV, Spacious/attractive w/3 sunny bd, level sunny gardn The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400	\$429,500
93 FAIRVIEW AVE, Wonderful updt 3/2+, FDR, hwdws, lg mstr suite \$415,000 The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400	
507 MORAGA AVE, 4bd/2ba, dbl lot, rumpus, possible eu-pair Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary Hanna 644-5432	\$399,000
7 LaSALLE AVE, 3+bd/3ba, 1,000sf, lg spacious rooms Templeton Company, Mary Montali 848-3097 SUNDAY 2-4	\$365,000
429 LINDA AVE, 2bd/1ba, privacy & seclusion, gorgeous kit/bath Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460	\$259,000
<b>RICHMOND</b> Open Sunday	
647 YUBA, R.View, 1600+ sf of perfection! family room, landscaped Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Barbara Kaplan 273-9700 SUNDAY 1-3	\$219,000
2748 EDMOND, Well maintained 3bd/1ba, corner lot Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 SUNDAY 2-4	\$119,500
2625 GAYNOR, Richmond N&E, new listing! sparkling 2bd, nw cpt Red Oak Realty, Bob 527-3387 SUNDAY 2-4	\$98,500
<b>SAN LEANDRO</b> Open Sunday	
937 NARCISSUS, Washington Sq largest flrp! 2700+sf, 4/3, upgrades \$317,950 WBJ Associates 895-5141 SUNDAY 1-4	
380 BREED, 3bd/2ba great price, over 2200 sq ft, super clean Better Homes, Earle Shenk 339-4000 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$237,000
286 COVINGTON, Shefield Village trad'l charmer, 3bd, new kitchn Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$209,000
2015 LUNA AVE, 3bd/2ba, complete remodel with tiny price Rinett & Company Realtors 636-6000, Derek 1-800-388-5417 X393 SUNDAY 1-4	\$179,000
2081 ARCTIC St, 3bd, fresh paint in/out, new appliances, att.garage \$150,000 WBJ Associates 895-5141 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30	
2097 CHARLOTTE AVE, Value! 3bd, newer roof & paint, location! \$134,950 WBJ Associates 895-5141 SUNDAY 1-4	

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**HOMES FOR RENT****745 Alameda****748 3 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Alameda

\$1650 CHARMING, 2 baths, available after November 15th. 2943 Gibbons Drive. No pets. Call 916-738-1840.

**750 Albany & Kensington**

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito; two, three, four bedroom cottages, flats, and houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821.

**751 Berkeley****753 2 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Berkeley

\$1172 NORTH Berkeley. Modern, fireplace, yard, laundry hookups. Berkeley Way/ Apartment. #5016-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$2500 CLAREMONT, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, plus library, French doors, formal dining, fireplace, garage, gourmet kitchen, deck, garden, alarm. 415-433-2727.

**BERKELEY CONNECTION RENTALS**  
\$5 off with this ad on regular subscription  
FREE PREVIEWS • FREE PHONE USE  
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MONEY BACK GUARANTEE  
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★ LEADING RENTAL SERVICE ★  
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Searching for a Rental...  
**RENTAL SOLUTIONS**  
Will do it for you...  
**(510) 644-2522**  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m., 7 days  
Landlords Can List Free!

**756 El Cerrito & North**

\$700 RICHMOND North and East, very nice 1 bedroom plus study with fireplace, washer/dryer, deck, garage, safe, quiet neighborhood. No pets (cat okay). First and last. References required. 650-653-5106.

\$1050 EL CERRITO older 2 bedroom, shrm, carps, garage, near BART. Non-smoking. Agent 526-9861.

\$1250 TWO plus bedroom, 2 bath. Richmond El Cerrito. Fireplace, laundry, garden, pond. 236-8898.

\$1400 SPACIOUS 3 bedroom El Cerrito home, bay view, fireplace, family room garage. 236-8912.

**759 Oakland & Piedmont****760 1 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

\$280 KITCHEN, bedroom, bath, yard, garage on 53rd Street. 276-9267, between 12-2 p.m. only.

**761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

\$850 TWO plus bedrooms, fireplace, carpeted, yard. Quiet neighborhood, near transportation. No pets. Deposit 652-6241.

\$925 LARGE 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, fenced yard. 2936 MacArthur Blvd. 287-9986.

\$950 CHARMING 2+ bedroom, yard, garage, nice neighborhood. Easy freeway access. Vickie 339-6160, ext. 240.

\$1050 ADAMS Paint-newer contemporary town-home, split-level, vaulted ceiling, 2 baths, fireplace, washer, dryer, deck, garage. Possible lease option. 510-339-8578.

\$1275 TWO bedroom, 1 bath, off Piedmont Ave. Hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry hook-up, yard. 654-0628.

\$1500 PIEDMONT. \$300/ month credit toward down payment. Available November 1. Call John 916-338-3531.

\$1600 ROCKLIDGE bright, beautiful 2+ bed, 2 baths, 2 baths in lower floor. Oakgrove. #5015-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$1650 ROCKLIDGE exquisite 2 bedroom, 3 house cluster, shingles, hardwood floors, sky-lights, fireplace, plus 10x20 walkroom. Non-smoking, no pets. 652-6830.

\$1700 UPPER Rockridge, 1½ baths. December 1st. Viewed by Appointment only. 415-329-1070, 415-592-7775 evenings.

**762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1400 OAKLAND Hills townhouse, 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, hardwood floors, 2 car garage. Agent 451-1184.

\$1500 MONTCLAIR newer 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, Double garage, large workshop/storage. No pets. 510-482-4153.

\$1500 MORMON Temple 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, panoramic view. Family room, fireplace, garage. Quiet. 268-9028.

\$1600 TWO story, 2 bath, large home. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Garage. Two decks. Quiet, creekside setting. Lots of trees. 3121 Jordan Road HMC. 654-4854.

\$1850 BEAUTIFUL 1920's, remodeled kitchen and bathrooms, large private yard with deck, fireplace, hardwood floors. Agent. 522-3322.

\$1950 CUSTOM 3 bedroom, 4 bath, Upper Rockridge, 3 years new, hardwood floors, spectacular views, patio, gourmet kitchen, and much more. WMC 583-9380.

\$1995 CROCKER Highlands 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths. Great location. Must see. (415)826-4223.

\$230 DRAMATIC, contemporary, Montclair home. 2700 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2½ bath. 415-234-2346, 339-1126 evenings.

**763 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

\$1550 CONTEMPORARY, large, view, near Mormon Temple, 2 baths, fireplaces, refrigerator, hookups, garage, yards. 482-2166.

\$1850 FOUR bedroom, 2½ baths, office, attic, 2 car garage. 815 Mandana. Call 532-8862.

\$2300 MONTCLAIR/Oakshire 4+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Light, airy, Trees, garden, view, Hardwoods, fireplace. Garage, large laundry room. Children pet okay. Jack. 415-460-0606. Lease message.

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The Name of the Business:  
Julia Nixon Imports & Exports, 1780 San Pablo  
Ave., Suite C-289, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Julia B. Nixon, 1532-S Chancellor Ave., El  
Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
September 19, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra  
Costa County on September 19, 1996.

The Journal October 17, 24, 31, November 7,

1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-5978

The Name of the Businesses:

1) JMF Enterprises, 2) JMF Publications, 3)  
Jimmy James & Associates, 1780 San Pablo  
Ave., Suite 147, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Are hereby registered by the following owner:  
M. Floyd, 2314 Cedar Street, El Cerrito,  
CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
September 30, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra  
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The Journal October 17, 24, 31, November 7,

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-5978

The Name of the Business:

1) Stellar Design, 2) Stellar Janitorial & Property  
Maintenance, 3) Stellar Rimblvd., Unit A, San  
Pablo, CA 94506.

Are hereby registered by the following owner:  
Charlene Davis, 734 Yuba St., Richmond, CA  
94805.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
October 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra  
Costa County on October 1, 1996.

The Journal October 17, 24, 31, November 7,

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-5978

The Name of the Business:

1) Down Marketing, 4355 Rose Lane, Concord,  
CA 94518, 711 Bancroft Rd., P.O. Box 212,

Walnut Creek, CA 94588.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-5978

The Name of the Business:

1) New Down Marketing, 43

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Is registered by the following owner:  
Wilhelmina Wilson, 1159 King Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 14, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 14, 1996.  
The Journal October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6080  
The Name of the Business:  
All Roofing Plus, 80 Golf Club Rd., #128, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
Is registered by the following owner:  
John D. VanTalenhoff, 1570 Willow Pass Rd., Pittsburg, CA.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 30, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 30, 1996.  
The Journal October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6088  
The Name of the Business:  
Vacation Station, 227 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Robert J. Carrus, 227 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 30, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 30, 1996.  
The Journal October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6089  
The Name of the Business:  
Canyon Sports, 3594 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez, CA 94535  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Richard R. Kennedy, Jr., 615 Central Avenue, Martinez, CA 94535  
Laura E. Kennedy, 615 Central Avenue, Martinez, CA 94535  
This business is conducted by individuals-Husband and Wife.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 4, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 4, 1996.  
The Journal October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6090  
The Name of the Business:  
BTC Consultants, 9770 Devon Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Eric Bahmani, 9770 Devon Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 4, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 4, 1996.  
The Journal October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6092  
The Name of the Business:  
Home N' Hobbies Baskets, 206 Sabina Ct., Danville, CA 94526  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Mary Ann Notdurt, 206 Sabina Ct., Danville, CA 94526  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 29, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 29, 1996.  
The Journal October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6093  
The Name of the Business:  
Connection Healthcare, 5810 El Dorado St., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Joyce Rice, 5810 El Dorado St., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 23, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 23, 1996.  
The Journal October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6094  
The Name of the Business:  
More Than Pets, 90 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1133  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Madelina Sabtuk, Yamate, 90 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1133  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 3, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 3, 1996.  
The Journal October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6095  
The Name of the Business:  
Fury Sportfishing, 68 Lakeshore Ct., Richmond, CA 94804  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Marilyn R. Kern, 68 Lakeshore Ct., Richmond, CA 94804  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 24, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 24, 1996.  
The Journal November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6096  
The Name of the Business:  
Diablo Dental Specialists, 4135 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suites 230, 250, Danville, CA 94560  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Diana L. Dugay, DDS, #200, 440 N. Civic Dr., #200, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
Daniel L. Rose, DDS, #200, N. Civic Dr., #200, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
This business is conducted by individuals-Husband and Wife.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 30, 1996.  
The Journal November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6097  
The Name of the Business:  
Pool Franchise Service #23, 1310 Alma Ave. #215, Walnut Creek, CA 94566  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Peter A. Alvarado, 1310 Alma Ave. #215, Walnut Creek, CA 94566  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 14, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 14, 1996.  
The Journal November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6098  
The Name of the Business:  
San Pablo Healthcare Center, 13328 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806-3999  
Is registered by the following owner:  
First Healthcare Corporation, A Delaware Corporation  
This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 22, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 22, 1996.  
The Journal November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6099  
The Name of the Business:  
Lumbreau Accredited Real Estate Schools, 2357 Concord Blvd., Concord, CA 94520  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Joyce Emory, 2176 N. Sixth St., Concord, CA 94519  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 31, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 31, 1996.  
The Journal November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6100  
The Name of the Business:  
Mortgage Company of California, 1981 North Broadway, Suite 365, Walnut Creek, CA 94595  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5064, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
Is registered by the following owner:  
J. Richard Call, Inc.  
State of incorporation: California.  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 24, 1996.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6101  
The Name of the Business:  
Big Lady Cleaning Service, 114 Williamson Ct., Martinez, CA 94553  
Is registered by the following owner:

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tributions of African-American Women during World War II. 644-6870.

**Berkeley Store Gallery:** Silent Art Auction for AIDS Advocacy. Works by 60 established and emerging artists. Through Dec. 1. 229 Shattuck Ave. 568-1680/655-9496.

**Bucci's Galleria:** Nov. 9-Dec. 7: "Bali Inside of Me," paintings by Thomas S. Viporin.

**Cecil Mochnek Gallery:** 1809D Fourth St. (upstairs). 549-1018.

**A New Leaf Garden Gallery:** 1286 Gilman St. 525-7621. Through Nov. 10: Outdoor show of contemporary art.

**Albany Community Center Gallery:** Through Nov. 30: "Art at the Top," watercolors by Carole Fitzgerald.

**Berkeley Art Center:** 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park. Through Dec. 29: "Science Imagined," Artists' Book Exhibition.

**Berkeley Historical Society:** 1931 Center St. 848-0181. Opening Nov. 14: "Treasures From Our Attic."

**Berkeley Public Library:** West Branch, 1125 University. October: Con-

Lakeside Drive. Through January 3, 1997: Quilt Show by East Bay Heritage Quilters, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Mezzanine Art Gallery. Free.

**University Art Museum:** 2626 Bancroft Ave. Through Dec. 1: An Eternity of Forest: Paintings by Mbati Women. Through Dec. 31: Tchai MATRIX. The Gardens of Le Notre: Photographs by Becky Cohen. Through Nov. 24: Hans Hoffman and the New York School.

**Support groups, self-help**

**Avatar Toastmasters:** Thursdays: Public Speaking Skills and metaphysics come together. 2515 Hilllegas at Dwight Way, Berkeley. Dr. Sylvia Plesh speaks on sleep problems. She is seeking volunteers for study. For information call 415-476-5881.

**East Bay Leads Club:** Weekly meeting, Wednesdays at 7:45. Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. 610-532-6325.

**People with Alzheimer's** and related disorders welcome at Monday Enrichment Program sponsored by the Claremont Center. Music, dancing and fellowship. St. John's Church; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-0243.

**Catholic, Divorced, Widowed and Separated:** will meet the second and fourth Thursdays monthly at St. John the Baptist community center. 527-2148.

**Conscious Connections:** Meet other singles who value personal and spiritual growth. Second and fourth Saturdays, 8 p.m., 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 339-2605.

**Consensus Brain Injury Rehab Center:** Six-week communication and critical thinking skills classes meet Wed.

and Fri. 10:30 a.m. to noon. 548-3830.

**Emergency Services Program:** The Easy Does It Emergency Services Program offers low fee emergency attendants, minor wheelchair repairs, and emergency wheelchair-accessible transportation to individuals with disabilities within the city limits of Berkeley. For more information call 845-5513, 464-8583 (TDD).

**Fibromyalgia Support Group:** fourth Tuesday of each month at Alta Bates, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Dr. Sylvia Plesh speaks on sleep problems. She is seeking volunteers for study. For information call 415-476-5881.

**Healthwise for Life:** an award-winning program designed to teach people about health problems common to older adults and how to care for those problems, will be held during November at Kaiser Oakland Medical Center, South Berkeley Senior Center and St. Joseph the Worker in Berkeley. 596-6176.

**Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay:** 2484 Shattuck Ave., Suite 210. 704-7475. Wednesdays: Therapy group for children ages 7-11 who are struggling with fears, worries and getting along with friends, from 3:30-5 p.m. Sliding scale \$10-25. Ext. 722.

**North Berkeley Senior Center Support Groups:** Meeting Life Changes: Thursdays 10 a.m.-12 noon. Leader, John Hammerman. Low Vision: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.: Psychology: Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Leader, Toru Saito. Women's Group: Mondays 1:30 p.m. Leader, Dr. Herta

Silzer. Blood Pressure: 4th Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. HICAP, Health counseling: First and third Tuesdays (call for appointment). 510-528-5685. Saturday to give free aid to those in need: 8:30-10 a.m. Newcomers meet at 8 a.m. at Presbytery Church, 2727 College Ave., room 203, 2nd floor. 273-2856.

**The Grief Care Community:** week bereavement support group loss through death or any kind. New members always welcome.

**Take off the Pounds:** Tuesdays 10 a.m.-12 noon. Leader, Cali Paul at 528-9056 or 525-5685.

**Toastmasters on Campus:** develop public speaking skills in a supportive environment. Tuesdays p.m. 2515 Hilllegas, Berkeley. 848-6370.

**University YWCA:** 2600 University Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Drop-in group for job seekers and changers meet Monday morning noon and Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m. \$5 members \$10 non-members.

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**Public Notices**

Lauri Louise Lombardi, 114 Williamson Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 28, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 28, 1996.

The Journal November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 96-6099  
The Name of the Business:  
New Pieces Fabric and Chamber Music, 1597 Solano, 527-6779. Through Nov. 2: Fabric pictures by Nancy Freeman and Dolls by Mary Porter Vaughn.

**Oakland Kaiser Center:** 300

When the State Department of Health Services and UC-San Francisco released a report Oct. 9 identifying which communities in California are "hot spots" for heart disease and strokes, there was some good news and some bad news for Contra Costa County.

According to the report, Danville has the highest rate of death from stroke for women and the second-highest overall stroke death rate in the state. Antioch has the second-highest rate of stroke deaths for men in the state. On the other hand, El Cerrito and Walnut Creek have lower rates of death from heart disease than the rest of the state.

"We can't specifically say why the high-rate cities, for the years

included in this study, had higher death rates than other cities in our county, but we do know that unhealthy habits and environments, along with other factors, contribute to making stroke and heart disease rates high and we are already working hard to reduce those factors," said Mary Anne Morgan, Chronic Disease Prevention Manager for the Contra Costa County Health Services Department's Community Wellness and Prevention Program.

According to Morgan, her program is putting increased emphasis on the root causes and working to reduce the risk factors that increase the chances of developing chronic diseases. Morgan says the release of the state report coincides with Contra Costa's development of a comprehensive chronic disease plan that includes recommendations for how to increase wellness.

"We know that heart disease and stroke are caused in large part by tobacco use, lack of exercise and a high-fat diet, as well as poverty and limited access to health care and preventive services," Morgan said. "Here in Contra Costa County, we have already in place some innovative and aggressive programs to create a local environment that supports healthy lifestyles."

Among the programs Morgan points to are the Healthy Neighborhoods Project, funded with a grant from the East Bay Commu-

nity Foundation, aimed at assisting neighborhoods in East and West Contra Costa to address wellness in a comprehensive manner. The East Bay Foodwise Nutrition Project and the Foodwise Project are other examples, according to Morgan, of community-based approaches to reduce disease risk factors.

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